

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 4th 1851.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have this day received from
Mr. Hooper Twelve Dollars, to be paid to Martin Summers to
cover the amount of a debt, and costs of suit, contracted by his wife.

Mr. Hooper regrets the circumstance, and says that he made
arrangements with Mr. Tyler to pay the amount, by whom it appears
to have been overlooked.

Mr. Tyler has also deposited \$20, which amount you will
please hold subject to his order.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Faithful Servant,
H. C. Hammett
Treas.

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasury Office 1 January 1842



Sir

In conformity with the regulations of the Mint, I yesterday made the usual examinations of the Bullion, in the possession of the Coiner, and the Melter and Refiner, and I report the following result.

Coiner

Silver

Dr. 942,709.75

Cr. 926,494.41

Balance 16,215.34

which has been accounted
for as follows, Bullion

weighed 15686.51

Coins reserved for assay 96.25

Wastage 432.58 16,215.34

Gold

Dr. 10,916.070

Cr. 10,857.159

Balance 58.911

Bullion weighed 43.514

Assay Coins 5.241

Wastage 10.156 58.911

A letter has been sent to the

Melter & Refiner

Gold

Dr. 10,822,316

Cr. 10,371,620

Balance 450,696

Bullion weighed 434,196

Wastage claimed 16,500 450,696

Silver

Dr. 969.317.11

Cr. 433.088.70

Balance 536.228.41

Bullion weighed 33.398.93

Leaving balance against M^r. R. R. of 2829.48

And as a set off against which, he claims

credits for the following

* Net Value of Sweeps ready for shipment to
Farmer, N York Agent W. S. Hunt 409.88

* Deduction required to pay for smelting
Sweeps left by Harwell, late M & R 206.00

* Amount required for making the Silver
ware for 1840 full as a set off
for 300 Ounces in Gold alloy received
in April 274.97

* Full warpage for year 1841, on
969.317 in Ounces Silver 1938.63 2829.48

all of which is submitted for your instructions -

Dr. R. R. informed me this morning, that he does not intend to
make any more melting, until his account has been finally settled - This will, if
delayed, occasion some dissatisfaction to the public, who are very pressing for American
Coins, and who have been awaiting the lapse of the ten days suspension made
to give the M & R, time to prepare for annual settlement - I have now in my
Vaults 4 deposits amounting to \$3.650 dollars, which are ready to be melted for
Assay



I am Very Respectfully

Your most obed^t servant

W. C. Cresswell
Treas.

To Joseph H. Kennedy Esq

P.S.

since writing the above
Dr. R. R. has advised me that he will melt
deposits.


30 ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ = \$225 = 192.57

private.

New Orleans 1 January 1842

Sir

I have a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in which he informs me that my account for ordinary expenses for the third quarter of 1841 had been adjusted, and that there had been suspended the sum of \$700 paid on account of rebuilding of the building department, until I could show the necessity for the expenditure and my authority for making it. - This amount was paid by me on the warrant of the Superintendent, which I supposed should protect me - but as such seems not to be the case, it becomes necessary that I should use some discretion, at least as far as I can do so, without interfering with the authority of the Superintendent -

 I now take the liberty of enclosing to you a copy of a Report, which I have this day addressed to Mr. Kennedy - the Credits shown by the V. M. seem to me to be large - so much larger than those made at the stated place and time, that I am apprehensive if admitted by the Superintendent, they may be very useful for my accounts when sent to Washington - I will therefore show it as a postscript, for if you will advise me, if any and what precautionary steps, it would be prudent for me to take before giving credit to the V. M. for any of these items - I will then for my own government, and safety only -

On the 15th last month, the Citizens Bank made a deposit of 50,000 Mexican dollars - five trials were made for it for assay, but the bank not running even in the different parts, we have not agreed upon the process - I think that there are low standard Mexican dollars in it, while I am satisfied that the whole is as fair a lot of dollars as was ever sent to the Mint - I propose to send you 6 or 7 hundred Onzas, to be melted and assayed in Philadelphia. If I write with

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
January 3^d 1842

Sir,

I enclose the Statement of one operation for
December 1841, and will send you in a day or two
the documents you desire connected with the
Statement of the account of the Mollen and
Refiner, together with ~~the~~ a statement of the
account of the Comer - Dr. Riddell's Scrap
is to be immediately shipped to New York in the
manner recommended to you -

Respectfully

J. Olin! Secretary

J. M. McKim
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philad^a

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans in the month of December 1841.

Kind of Deposit	Deposits					Coinage			
	Gross weight after melting	Standard weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions	Total value before deductions	Denomination	Number of pieces	Value	Total Value
	Ounces dec	Ounces dec	Dollars cts	Dollars cts	Dollars cts			Dollars cts	Dollars cts
<i>Gold</i>						<i>Gold</i>			
Foreign Bullion	11 92	5 79	150 30	150 30	150 30	None			
<i>Silver</i>						<i>Silver</i>			
Foreign Bullion	621 50	591 71	688 32	686 46		Dimes	697 500	697 50 00	
Foreign Coins	201 96 95	200 46 59	455 99 42	46 477 64	47 287 94	Quarter Dollars	57 000	12 250 00	84 000 00
			Total Deposits		47 438 24	Total Coinage		54 000 00	

Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans
 Treasurer's Office December 31st. 1841.
 H. Crammacker
 Treasurer

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer Office 1 January 1842

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Wastage 10156 58.911

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Cr 10571.620
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 for the following -
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 not intend to make any more melting, until his account has been
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 to the Public, who are very pressing for American Coins, and who
 have been awaiting the close of the 10 days suspension, made to
 give the M & R. time to prepare for annual settlement -

I have now in my Vault 4 deposits amtg
 to 83,650 dollars, which are ready to be melted for assay

I am Very Respectfully

Your most obed Servt

H. C. Commager

P.S. Since writing the above Dr Riddell informs me that he will melt deposits

J. Joseph Mc Kennedy Esq

2,829.48

1,738.20

4,567.68

U. S. Branch Mint - N. Orleans
August 8. 1842 -

R. M. Patterson Esq^r

Sir,

Enclosed you have the statement of our operations for July -

Having seen in a letter to Mr. Cammell your appro-
-bation of our Suspension - calculating on that of the
Secretary of the Treasury, and there having been no
deposits received for some time, I on the 21 ult. dis-
-charged all the Men in the Coining and Molding de-
-partments with the exception of two in each -
J. Riddell and Mr. Tyler represented that num-
-ber to me as indispensable to them respectively - Another
and the principal reason which induced me to anti-
-cipate the sanction of the Secretary, was the fact
of our being left with about money enough, with
the strictest economy, to pay our "Wages of Workmen"
during one quarter - It struck me, that with the
existing probability of there being no increase of the
fund for 1842, it was proper to reserve the balance
to our credit, to be used in the business season of
the year, and paid over as a compensation for
services actually rendered -

You will also receive herewith ^{statements} showing the situation
of the accounts of the Molders, Refiners and Coiners

on the 31 July last - The war lays of the firm
is again very large - It is however within the
limit, and I do not see how I can with propriety
object to it - Mr. Camm will desire to know whether
those accounts should now go thro' his books, or
whether it will be sufficient to enter therein the
settlement to be made with those two Officers at
the end of the year - Will you decide the matter?
Our profit and loss of will show badly, he says,
without another appropriation - He, with my car-
- sent, left, a few days ago, for Washington -

Very resp!

Yr. obed. Serv^t

J. M. Haman

Weight & Melted & Refined Bullion July 31st 1842

No	Bars		Gross weight	Standard	Silver	Gold
B	8		1.656 15 682	1.255 00		
C	8		980 10 690	752 10		
D	1		168 25 439	175 54		
E	1		278 30 820 1/2	253 71		
F	2	Mixed	336 85 776	290 43	8	3 000
256	2	Mixed	413 75 790	363 18	3	1 378
H	3		658 70 832.6	609 37		
K	2	Mixed	603 85 800	536 75	1 1/2	1 006
L	3	Mixed	829 10 800	736 97	1	0 921
26	9	Mixed	733 20 740	602 35	34	27 698
265(m)	1		141 50 266 1/2	41 89		
178	1		129 55 650	93 56		
347	1		102 50 892	101 58		
465	1		114 80 825	105 23		
463	1		111 05 892	110 06		
462	1		123 15 890	121 78		
464	1		76 40 860	73 00		
		Mixed dollars	1.865 75 897	1.859 53		
		Sovereigns	5 40		915 1/2	5 088
I	1		11 02		817	10 003
				8.082 53		49 095

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 31 July 1842
J. C. Hammond
Treasurer

Bullion weighed for the Coiner 31 July 1842

Silver

Clippings	278 '60	
Coin	13 05 '20	
Findings	44 '—	1 627 '80

Gold

Coin & Clippings	65 '334	
		65 '334

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 31. 1842
H. Cammack
Treas

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of July, 1842.

Deposits		Coinage.			
		Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value	Total Value
Gold.	No deposits this month	Half Eagles	600	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00
Silver.	No deposits this month	Dimes	70,000	7,000 00	7,000 00
		Total Coinage.			\$10,000 00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
 Treasurer's Office July 31st 1842.
 H. C. Annick
 Treasurer

Melter & Refiner's account of Bullion

1842 July 31			ounces	den.
	<u>Silver</u>			
	D ^r		988.533	55
	C ^r		978.571	76
		Balance	10.161	79
	Ulrichs	8.082	53	
	In grain Lump	263	53	
	Wastage Claims <small>Sumd. 1958 1/2</small>	1.815	73	10.161 79
	<u>Gold</u>			
	D ^r		11.345	413
	C ^r		11.275	460
			69	953
	Ulrichs	49	095	
	grain Lump	5	277	
	Wastage Claims <small>Sumd. 21 1/2</small>	15	581	69 953
	Branch Mint New Orleans Treasurer's Office 31 July 1842 A. C. C. M. M. A. C. C. Trsn.			

Coiner's account of Bullion

1842 July 31		ounces	den.	ounces	den.
	<u>Silver</u>				
	D ^r			980.759	41
	C ^r			978.400	46
		Balance		2.358	95
	Bullion weights	1.627	80		
	Lump	101	55		
	Wastage	629	60	2.358	95
	<u>Gold</u>				
	D ^r	11.318	974		
	C ^r	11.246	520	bal.	72 654
	Bullion weights	65	554		
	Wastage	7	100	72	654
	Branch Mint - New Orleans Treasurer's Office 31 July 1842 A. C. C. M. M. A. C. C. Trsn.				

Min. of the United States }
July 29, 1842. }

Sir,

I have received this morning, from the Treas-
ury Department, a letter ^{acknowledging} the receipt of your
communication of the 3rd inst, and stating that, in com-
pliance with my suggestion, it had been referred
to the Committee of Ways & Means.

The letter from the Department contains the
following paragraph.

"If you are satisfied that the public conven-
ience will not be prejudiced or dissatisfaction
given by a suspension of the operations of the
Branch Mint at New Orleans, you are authori-
zed to cause them to be suspended during the
summer months."

I now refer the question of suspending the
operations of your mint ^{under the same conditions} ~~to yourself~~ in the above
terms, - endorsing to you, the authority thus
given to me.

P. M. P.

Done

To
J. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans. }

Treasury Department
July 24. 1842.

Sir

Your communication of the 25th and the accompanying letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans were duly received, and in compliance with your suggestion, have been referred to the Committee of Ways & Means.

The sum, included in the estimates submitted to the Committee of Ways & Means, for compensation to the workmen of the New Orleans branch Mint was \$22,000. The bal. of the appropriation for that object on hand on the 1st of January 1842 was \$12,320. With this information before them the Committee thought proper to appropriate only \$2,000 in addition to the balance of the appropriation expended on the 1st of January.

Very Respectfully

A. C. Young

Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson.

Philad^a

Area

S. S. If you are satisfied that the public convenience
will not be prejudiced or dissatisfaction given by a suspension
of the operations of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans - you
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months -

W. C. G.

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W. C. G.
1861

Branch Mint New Orleans July 26.
1842

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent
Sir.

Our usual operations being suspended, I have an opportunity of accomplishing certain things, which it has been impracticable for me to do thoroughly heretofore. Such as getting the silver from old iron pots, and worn out iron implements, and in short, completely transforming the grains &c. &c. into bullion and dross. I look upon it as my imperative duty to do this. Few of the men of my department will be sufficient, and they have been apprised that there is at present no money to pay them. They will submit to wait for their pay.

The bullion in my custody is principally of low standard. It seems to me desirable to embrace this suspension for converting it into standard ingots, or even making fine silver and gold of it for future use. It will thus be rendered at once available when the mint resumes.

Respectfully your
Obedient Servant
J. L. Reddick
Melter and Refiner

Annual Expenses Branch Mint New Orleans.

1841.	Carriage Expenses	\$11 950.
	House Expenses	8.800
	Office Expenses	+ 250
		<u>\$ 21.000.</u>

+ averages much larger.

1840. The Contingent Expenses
Amounted to \$ 21.323.92

No charge has been made on this account for wastage of Gold & Silver, since the commencement of the Mint. In 1841 it amounted to 3163.56. The balance of P&L account at the close of the year will be all over \$.

There will be no available balance in any of the appropriations for this Mint at the close of this year.

Usual appropriations
for "wages of laborers" \$22 000
"Salaries of officers" 12 900.
Contingent expenses 17.200.

4 Oct 1842.	Expenses	21000.
	Wastage	3200.
		<u>\$ 24.200</u>

The Contingent expenses have for some time been greater than the appropriations.

Dr.

Copy.

Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans.

Cr.

1842		Dollars	Cts
June 30	To Coiner's account of Gold, For 233,904 3/4		
	Standard Gold to be accounted for to him	4,351	70
	Coiner's account of Silver, For 5374.58 3/4		
	Standard Silver to be accounted for to him	9,744	91
	Mellor & Squire's acct of Gold, For 69,953 3/4		
	Standard Gold to be accounted for to him	1,301	13
	Mellor & Squire's acct of Silver, For 12,151,773		
	Standard Silver to be accounted for to him	11,822	30
	Gold Coinage, For balance of this account	3,932	72
	Silver Coinage, do do do	7,735	89
	Gold Coins issued for paying		
	For balance of this account	117	50
	Silver Coins issued for paying		
	For balance of this account	126	40
	Profit & Loss, do do do	2,264	68
	Edmond Carroll, late Treasurer of the Mint.		
	For balance of this account.	2,342	16
		213,739	39

1842		Dollars	Cts
June 30	By United States Deposit Account		
	For Balance of this account.	23,238	10
	Bank of Louisiana		
	For 2 Silver depts due them	13,524	89
	St. Charles Bank		
	For 1 Silver dep. due him	1,003	48
	Joseph M. Calland, do do do	3,725	67
	L. J. P. M. do do do	338	80
	J. H. Poulmi do do do	107	14
	John L. Story do do do	999	15
	Brattell Adams do do do	107	44
	J. H. P. Adams do do do	701	72
		213,739	39

July 24, 1842.

For

I send you above the copy of my balance sheet of the bullion accounts of this mint for the 3rd quarter of this year.

Since its date I have received from the Coiner 10000 \$ in coins which has enabled me to pay the debt to the Bank of Louisiana, and leaves me with funds to pay the other depositors when called for.

My Bullion accounts will go by the mail, with this in the morning, and as my balance & that of the mint now agree, I hope my accounts for 1841 will be soon adjusted.

Mr Kennedy is unwell and has left town for a few days. I have received yr letter of the 13th inst and am sorry that I cannot put you in funds to pay your advances and some outstanding accounts for this mint. Our money for contingent expenses, is

W. T. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 30, 1842.
Hobammack
Jr

is exhausted, and our credit too, and it is well that the deposits of bullion have entirely ceased. We had not the means of continuing to work, even if there had been bullion offerings.

I am very sincerely
Your faithful servant
Hobammack
Jr

To Dr Patterson.

P.S. I annex copy of letter to Mr Kennedy, as I do not know if he has sent one, showing how the account of Dr P. for 1841 was settled.

Treasurer's Office June 28. 1842

Sir,
I have at last settled the Bullion acct of the M & R, up to Decr 1841. by charging him 10^{cts} the excess of Gold for that amount found in his Sweep. & by receiving from him 88^{cts} 3 of Silver to make good the balance against him on that account. The sweep was estimated at 409^{cts} per was recd on 31st December as Bullion, & returned on the following day, & charged to him at the same valuation included in the item 33. 88^{cts} 31 in the annexed account.

As far as the balance of the account is effected, this is the same as if it had been credited & debited at the actual value of 209. 69. I have, however, to make Dr. Richard's Silver Bullion actually, debited sufficient to balance his acct. He has gone through the form of debiting to me (out of his salary for this yr) & receiving back the amt of 209. 69 & the difference between the estimated & the actual value of the sweep. I have to day forwarded the accounts to the first auditor of the Treasury. The entries will be made in the books in the present quarter.
D. M. Kennedy Esq.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) H. C. Hammett,
Treasurer

Balance Sheet
United States Ex. Fund.
New Orleans.
For the second quarter of 1842

August 1842

Recd. Aug. 4. 1842
New Orleans
H. C. Hammett,
Treas. U. S. Fund.

Received, July 26, 1842, of Dr. S. L. Riddell,
Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, by
the hands of Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the
Mint, Forty-eight ⁴⁸per dollars, - a sum which he
voluntarily pays to me, to compensate for a differ-
ence between his assay and mine, of the sweep from
his department, sent to me to be smelted.

\$48.48

(Duplicate.)

Geo. Greenfield Jr.
3

Mint of the United States

July 26, 1842.

Sir,

I send above a receipt from Mr. Greenfield
for the money advanced by Dr. Riddell to pay for
the over estimate in the sweep sent to be smelted
at New York. He was much gratified by this
remittance, wholly unexpected by him, and
of a character not often exhibited in the trans-
actions of business. I myself highly approve
of the course taken by Dr. Riddell in the case.

Very resp. truly yours,

W. C. Crammick, Esq.,

Treas. N. O. Br. Mint,

R. M. P. Dr.

P.S. - Let me refer you to my last letter to Mr.
Kennedy.

Minist of the United States

July 23, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., with a statement of the operations at your mill for June.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th, with the enclosed communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, which I thought it but justice to you to forward to that office, with a copy of the paragraph in your letter to me which refers to it. The concern which you have pursued, in first submitting you to me your letter to the Secretary, is such ^{as to be expected from} as ~~becomes~~ a high-minded gentleman. I have requested the Secretary to communicate the letter to the Committee of Ways & Means.

By looking over your files, you will find a letter from me to your predecessor, dated Sept. 27, 1838, in which I apply for the first estimate from your mill, in the following terms:

"I pray you to send me as early as you can be -
-to- in your estimate."

I have mentioned to the Secretary of the
Board your application for liberty to suspend
the operations of your office, during the summer
months, as heretofore, - have stated the reasons
in favor of this measure, - and have asked for
his approbation of it.

I have had a correspondence with the
First Auditor on the subject of your office
accounts, and particularly do much of them
as respects Dr. Riddell. The questions prin-
cipally regarded the forms of entries. I
have given my views ~~at~~ at large, and
I presume that all difficulties will soon be
removed.

D. M. P.

Wm. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Office,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States

July 23d, 1842.

Sir,

After you had stated that the valuation of the sweep sent to you from New Orleans did not correspond with your assay, and that it exceeded your estimate by \$48.43, I caused ^{the} specimens you sent me, and those sent from ^{the} New Orleans Mint, to be assayed here, and I became convinced that there was sufficient reason to think that, by some mistake in the original assays, an overvaluation to the amount had occurred, and that it might be to the extent you had mentioned.

Now although the bargain I had made with you for the price of this sweep was conclusive, and although you frankly acknowledged that you could lay no claim to indemnity for your supposed loss, and have accordingly made no such demand, yet I thought the credit of the institution so far involved in the question, that I recommended to the New Orleans Mint & Refinery, (Dr. Riddell), that he should remove the possibility of blame in the case, by paying you the amount

at which you had your self estimable your
loss, - and to this recommendation he ~~has~~
fully consented, and has sent me a draft
for the amount. This I am ready to pay
to you on your ^{making} application for it at the
bank.

R. M. P.

Dr

To/
Grove Greenfield, Ky.
Refine &c.

Minist. of the United States.

July 21st, 1842.

Sir,

The enclosed letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Branch Office at New Orleans, was sent to me with the following remark by that Officer.

"You will receive herewith a letter -
- - - - - 11th ult." [Copy from letter in question.]

You will see from Mr. Kennedy's letter that he has not kept in view, either in his requisitions or his estimates, the unexpended balances of former appropriations, ~~and the circumstances~~ and he shows that he is under the impression that I had never asked attention to these balances in making out these estimates. In this he ~~is~~ has fallen into a mistake by not having consulted my correspondence on the subject with his predecessor. In a letter to Mr. Bradford, of Sep. 27, 1838, - in which I first ask an estimate of annual expenses from the New Orleans Office, I say. - "I pray you to send me, as soon as you can, an estimate of the appropriations wanted, for your Branch, for 1839. Remember that the unexpended balances of the

present year will be available for the next,
and must therefore be considered in your
estimates."

Application has been made to me
for liberty to suspend the operations at
the New Orleans office during the summer
months, as has been found always neces-
sary heretofore. The business at this
mint is already very much reduced, - the
season is known to be always dangerous, -
and the expenses, for which sufficient provi-
sion has not been made, would be reduced
by interrupting the work. I would therefore
join in asking your approbation of the suspen-
sion applied for.

P. M. P.

Dear

Mr. Walter Forward
Sec. of Treasury.

P. S. May I take the liberty to suggest the propriety of
communicating Mr. Kennedy's letter to the Committee of
Ways & Means?

Mint U.S. July 13. 1842.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a statement of my account with your mint, for the quarter just closed, showing a balance in ~~my~~^{my} favor of \$56.31. The error in my last ap of charging your draft in favor of Mrs. L. M. Mowd only \$200, while \$250 was paid, your will observe is corrected in the present acct. I have added a memorandum in pencil of the outstanding bills that you may supply me with the requisite funds.

R. M. P.

P.S. Mr. Sumner informed you, during my recent absence from Philad^a, of my wish that the application for liberty to suspend the operations of the Mint, as heretofore, this summer, should be first made to the Department. The request will, I have no doubt, be either granted at once, or referred to me. In the latter case, I shall make no opposition to it, certainly, as I believe the proposed course not to be objectionable, under present circumstances. As to your personal desire for leave of absence, I have no objection to it, if it must the approbation of the Superintendent.

H. C. Cunningham,
Treas. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
July 12th 1842

Sir

Accompanying this you will find a Summary
Statement of the Silver A/c of the 4th Quarter 1841
New Orleans Branch Mint as stated in accordance
with the corrected a/c furnished by the Treasurer in
which the items claimed by the Miller & Kiffin
appear to be allowed. Asking you to examine the
form in which the Credits appear and your opinion
as to them being properly introduced in this a/c - if
not to suggest some mode by which they could be
put in due form.

R M Patterson Esq
Director &c

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Tully R. Wrio

Silver Bullion Dr

Am't Standard Silver Bullion remaining on hands on the 30th Sept^r 1841 By:
In the hands of the Coiner

" " " " Meller & Refiner

Amount of Standard Silver Bullion purchased and deposited for Comage from
the 1st Oct to the 31st Dec^r 1841

£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
14,228	39		4,920	27	
12,918	08		13,031	92	
			17,146	47	19,952 19
					116,078 53
					133,225 00
					155,025 38

Silver Bullion Cr

By Coins made from the 1st Oct to the 31st Dec^r 1841

" Amount of wastage allowed Coiner for the year ending 31st Dec^r 1841

" " " " Meller & Refiner " " " " " "

" " " " ditto — to make the wastage full for 1840

" Ordinary Expense a/c for amt transferred to pay for Smelting Receipts of Mr. Mansfield

" Silver Comage for this amt rec^d from the Meller & Refiner to balance his a/c

Balance remaining uncounted on the 31st Dec^r 1841

			80,877 50	94,112 00
			432 58	503 36
1863	24	2168	18	
274	97	519	96	2138 21
				2488 09
			193 36	225 00
			88 03	102 44
			49,475 32	57,894 49
			133,225 00	155,025 38

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
July 11. 1842.

Sir,

Enclosed you have the statement of
our operations for June, which was not
handed to me by the Treasurer, until
this morning.

I did not send you the communication
promised in my letter of the 14th ult. in
consequence of information recd. from W. Dyer
and Dr. Riddell, of their having written to
you, that the difference between them
had been settled to the satisfaction of
both.

Respectfully, Y^{rs} ob^t Serv^t

J. M. Ramsey

R. M. Patterson Esq^r

Sup.

Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philad^a

[illegible]

Branch Mint U. States New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 9. 1842.

Dr M. Patterson
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Since I last wrote to you I have received a letter from Mr Dunning dated 15th ultimo, by which I learn that an unfortunate accident had happened in Maryland, to your son, by which it was probable that he would lose the sight of an eye. I sympathize deeply with you in the distress which you and your family must feel at this unhappy accident. I sincerely hope that the injury sustained may not be so great as was anticipated by Mr Dunning.

Enclosed I send you a cheque drawn by the Bank of Louisiana on the Merchants Bank in New York for \$484³/₁₀₀ - being for that sum paid to me by D^r Riddels for over estimate in the 4th Decr sent to you. I should have sent the amount sooner but could not get a cheque at par.

Two more of our Banks suspended on Monday, so that only one now remains as a specie paying Bank.

My quarterly accounts will be ready to be forwarded in a very short time. In a few days more I expect that the coinage which I will have on hand will be enough to pay all the depositors in full.

I am, your ob. & faithful S^t
H. C. Cammack
Jr.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, July 4, 1842

Sir,

I enclose a copy of D. Ridgely's account as settled, up to the 31st Dec. last, and forwarded some days ago to the Department, together with the report of the Treasurer to me, accompanying the same. You will also receive herewith, a letter, which I had intended, as you will perceive, for the Secretary of the Treasury. I have thought fit, upon reflection, to send it to you, asking you to consider the requests therein contained as addressed to yourself, and leaving it to your sense of justice, if you think my explanation sufficient, to absolve me, wherever I may be now affected by it, from the charge of neglect contained in your letter of the 11th ult.

^{Box containing one} The pair of $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar, and one pair of $\frac{1}{2}$ Dime Dies sent you on the 30th March last, was rec^d on the 12th April - I will ask the Secretary of the Treasury to put you in full

for the use of our Mint immediately after the
passage of our contingent appropriation, and
am requested by Mr. Cammack to say, that
he will soon, according to your request, remit
to you the \$48.43, for Mr. Greenfield.

Respectfully

Yr. obed. Servant

Wm. Cammack

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint of
the U. S. Mint.

Copy.

U.S. Mint, N. Orleans,
July 3/42.

Sir,

In a letter which I recd. some time ago from Dr. Patterson, he requested me to give him the exact state of our appropriations under the head of "wages of workmen." I accordingly sent him a memorandum, made out by the Treasurer of this Mint, by which it appeared that unless some portion of the amount had been carried to the surplus fund, we should have had to our credit, under that head, on the 31 March last \$19,119.78.

In a subsequent letter the Director states, "that under the Act of March 3. 1795, Sec. 16, it is clear that the whole of the above balance is available to us, as he takes it for granted that we have made our requisitions out of old appropriations till they were exhausted." He adds that the item of \$22,000 for wages in our ultimate presented to him for this year, could only be justified on the supposition that we had no unsuspended balance at our command. That he assumed this a fact, and felt sure that there must have been some misapprehension in the case, on the part of the Com. of Ways & Means, as there really was in the same item with regard to the Philad^a. Mint." Finally, "he requests that by leaving him in the dark as to this unsuspended surplus, I have given him much unnecessary anxiety, placed him in a false po-

given before the Department & the Committee of Ways & Means.

The Director has, I think, not dealt justly with me.

I have never overdone my predecessor for the Dept. will know, made my requisitions from any particular years appropriations. Never having been informed of the necessity of so doing, I have taken it for granted, that these appropriations would, in the interest of the Mint, be remitted from, in that order which would make them longest available. If I have erred in any manner of drawing, I will ask you to point me with the form in which I should make these requisitions hereafter.

The estimated amounts necessary for our expenses, for any year, have, on the other hand, never been stated to be required independently of any balance that might be to the credit of this Institution, at the end of the year preceding. I have made them out without any reference thereto, leaving any & reduction that might be deemed proper, on that account, to be made by the Department possessing all the information relating to the subject, & through which these estimates are presented to the Committee.

No notice ^{whatsoever} of the unexpended balances, (which are unavailable after two years) has, if I mistake not, ever been taken heretofore, either by the Dept. or by Congress.

In a statement lately rec^d. from the Register of the Treasury "of the sums remaining unexpended on the 31st of March 1842 of the appropriations for the Pr. Mint at New Orleans," the balance of the item of compensation to laborers, or wages of workmen, is stated at only \$7,320. There is, as you perceive, between this sum and that supposed by the Director to be at our disposal, a difference of something like \$12,000.

Permit me to request, that, upon ascertaining the true state of the case, you will take the proper steps to have the sum lately granted by Congress increased to the extent necessary to meet our wants, in that respect, for the year 1842.

Very respectfully,

your obt. serv^t

(Signed) Wm. M. Kennedy,
Supt.

Ans. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury

Account of January 1st 1842, so far as it concerns the Melted & Refined,
modified in conformity with his statement of May 26th 1842.

<u>Gold.</u>	<u>Amount due</u>	
	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
	10,822 516	
	10,871 620	
	Balance	480 696
Bullion weighed	1134.196	
Swage	10.840	
Wastage	5.660	480 696
<u>Silver.</u>	<u>Amount due</u>	
	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
	969,817 11	
	933,088 70	
	Balance	36,228 41
Bullion weighed	33,808 81	
Amount required to pay for melting swage, left by Wapner, 30 Cts at 18.5	193.86	
Amount required for making the Silver		
Wastage for 1840. full	274.97	
Full wastage on 931,521.87 g actual, delivered in 1841, & exclusive of 37,695.80 g twice delivered &c	1,568.24	
Amount received in Silver coins from the Melter & Refiner, \$102,444 equal to	58,000	36,228 41

Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 28th 1842.
(Signed) Ch. C. Lamont,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office
28th June 1852.

Dear Sir,

I have at last settled the Bullion account of the Master of Refinery, up to 31st December. By charging him 10⁰⁰ lbs of Silver for that amount found in his sweep, and by receiving from him 58⁵⁰ 3 of Silver to make good the balance against him on that account.

The sweep was estimated at 409⁵⁸ 3, was received on 31st Decr. as Bullion, and was returned on the following day, charged to him at the same valuation, inclusive in the item of 352,585.31 in the annexed account. So far as the balance of the acct is effected, this is the same as if it had been actually received at the actual value of 209.69. In order, however, to make Dr. Pitt's Silver Bullion actually balance, sufficient to balance his account, he has gone through the form of delivering to me (out of his salary for this quarter) & receiving back, the amt of 209⁵⁸ 3 the difference between the estimated & the actual value of his sweep.

I have to day forwarded the accounts to the first Auditor of the Treasury. The entries will be made in the books in the present quarter.

Very Respectfully Yours,
(Signed) H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer

To J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent

Mint of the United States,
June 15, 1842.

Dr. Patterson, having been ^{suddenly} called to Maryland, by the occurrence of an accident to his son residing there, desired me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., & to notice some of the subjects referred to.

The ~~statement~~ which you send ^{of} the M. & N.'s Silver account up to Dec. 31, 1841, shows that the modified statement sent by the Director to Mr. Kennedy on the 11th inst. is erroneous, inasmuch as it is founded upon the statement of Jan. 1, 1842 submitted by you to the Dept. & which exhibits a larger balance against Dr. Piddell than that which you now send. The difference is 429,885 cts.; and as this is precisely the amount at which Dr. Piddell estimated his work in the settlement of Dec. 31, 41, I infer that ~~the~~ has been paid over, & is included in the credit of 179,544.01 cts. in your last statement. ~~As~~ ^{as it may} you have all the facts at hand, & can readily make the necessary corrections.

The Director remarked, in reference to the suspension of operations at your Mint, that any application to sanction it should be ^{made} to the Secretary of the Treasury.

To your question whether you cannot now draw the appropriations for "Building flues" & for "Iron Rods, &c." & add them for Cont. Expts., (the Cont. Fund having already paid for said flues & rods,) he desired me to give an affirmative answer.

Referring to yours of the 19th April, I have to state
that your draft in favor of Mrs. Moore was paid in
full (\$250) as appears by the receipt taken from her at
the time: the error occurred in charging it in the ^{Day-}book
\$200 instead of \$250, & has since been corrected. Mrs. Moore,
at the suggestion of Mr. Holt, called at the Mint in re-
gard to it, when the matter was fully explained to her.

Mr. Saxton has just finished the adjustment of
your account, & they shall be ~~adjusted~~ without delay.

Yours, very respectfully,

Wm. H. Burleigh,

Director's Clerk,

By

H. C. Cummings, Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint,

Washington.

New Orleans June 15th 1842
To Dr. W. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint

Sir

Having this day pursued
a copy of a letter written to you more than a month
since, by Dr J. L. Riddell, enclosing a copy of a
letter from him to Mr Kennedy, in which Dr Riddell
appears to impute to me motives of conduct towards
himself, quite different from what was really the
case. I deem it my duty at once to apprise
you, that the suspicions entertained by him of
my motives were unfounded, as he himself has
had good reason to believe. And as to my conduct
in the matter of which he has spoken, I did no-
thing, but what the circumstances of the case seemed
to demand of me in duty, as a good citizen and a
Christian under the influence of what I then thought
to be good advice. But how far I erred in the
matter no one can correctly judge without know-
ing all the circumstances in the case, which however I
had hoped were never again to be called up; But
should you still think it necessary, to convince yourself
that I was not actuated by any hostile or malicious feelings towards
a fellow officer, I must refer you to Mr Kennedy, who re-
-quirts me to say that he has not thought it his duty
to communicate the subject to you. I will say

also that at present no differences exist between
Dr Riddell and myself, and I earnestly desire that
no further notice may be taken of the matter.

Mr Kennedy informed me to day that he was about pro-
posing to you to suspend his mind during the summer
months. and I have asked the privilege of leaving
my post during the time of actual suspension. ~~and~~
I think of taking my wife to St. Louis, & leave her there
with some friends, while I go myself to Philadelphia.
It appears to me that no objection will be made to our
suspending, as we have now nothing, or but very little to
do, and there is no prospect of any new deposits
until autumn.

Respectfully

Your Faithful Servant
Philos B. Tyler

Minist. of the United States

New York, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., in which you call my attention to a paragraph in a letter to you from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, respecting a claim made by the collector McFarlane in the latter his past year account.

In reply I have to state that this account has been to me a source of extensive correspondence, and of much anxiety and vexation. The point referred to you by Mr. Kennedy is but one of many that were presented, and is the simplest of them all, - since we can hardly hesitate to reject the claim as contrary to the manifest spirit and intention of the law, and in itself absurd. ~~It~~ It was not insisted upon by Mr. Riddell, and my opinion with regard to it was known, both to Mr. Kennedy and the Auditor, having been communicated to them on the 14th 15th of March last. I know not why you have been troubled with it at this time.

Within five days of the date of Mr. Kennedy's letter, ~~and~~ ~~new statement of~~ ~~the~~ Dr. Riddell presented a new statement of his account, ^{communicated} ~~made~~ after the views which I had presented, in con-

sequence of a report to this effect, made by the First Auditor. ~~The~~ new statement was sent to me by Mr. Kennedy, and received on the 11th inst., when I sent a copy of it to the Acting Auditor. In this account, the objectionable features are all omitted; ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~statement~~ ^{statement} ~~referred to you by Mr. Kennedy, among the rest.~~

The real difficulty in obtaining a just settlement of this postage account has arisen from the circumstance that Dr. Riddell's postage has exceeded the limits fixed by law, which has induced him to ~~try~~ use every exertion to reduce his ~~to~~ personal loss. The law, however, is imperative, and, however unfortunate it may be ~~when~~ ^{as to} the individual, ^{yet} when the loss exceeds the legal limit, the excess must be paid by the responsible officer.

I return Mr. Kennedy's letter as you desire.

R. M. L.

To
Hon. Walter Forward,
Secy. of Treasury.

7. and the Treasurer makes notes and with regard to the question ~~was~~ referred to you by Mr. Kennedy, the Treasurer (Mr. Caspary,) ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~ly~~ ^{ly} says: "No allowance of postage has been made the Atlantic Mail since on the amount of \$7,695.30 of salary delivered on the 31st of December 1840, and withdrawn the next day."

W. S. Branch Mount
N. Orleans, June 14 1842

Sir,

I write, for the purpose of consulting you, as to
the propriety of stopping the operations of the
Mount, during what is called the "dull season", viz
from the commencement of July, to about the 1st
of October. Our deposits have, in the last month,
fallen off very considerably, and we anticipate
that they will, in two weeks more, be so trifling
as to furnish good grounds for a suspension -
This will also, perhaps, be the best way to meet
in a great measure, the deficiency in our ap-
-propriations of this year for "Wages of Workmen".
Should this suspension take place, Mr. B, be-
-wiser, on account of the state of health of
his lady, to have leave of absence during its con-
-tinuance. Shall it be granted to him, or also to
the other officers who may desire it?

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of
the Mint of the U. S.
Phil^a

Respectfully,
Yours for
the Cause

J. M. McKim

Sup^t

P. S.

P.S. I have just been informed that Dr. Purcell
has written to you, in relation to a late difficulty,
(now happily settled) between Mr. Tyle and himself,
with the history of which I did not think it
worth while to trouble you, in as much as it was
of an almost private nature, and as their official
duties and relations were not, for a moment,
interrupted by it. I have advised Mr. T. to
give you his account of the matter, and who
undertakes the part of a mediator will, so far
as it came under Mr. Purcell's observation, let you, in a
few days, have mine. Until then, I beg you will
not make up your mind about the case.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 14. 1842

Sir

I have Mr Kennedy's permission to address
you to ask leave to absent myself from this city for
about two months during this summer. Leave of
absence was given to me last summer but, as I had
then a large amount of Government money on hand,
I could not profit by it.

I am very respectfully
Your faithful servant
A. Buchanan
Treas.

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.

Indignant.

I addressed you a few lines yesterday. I understood that D. H. Adell
has this morning admitted to Mr Tyler that he had written to you on the
subject of their affair - and that Mr Tyler must have misunderstood him
as to his stating that he had not. - The excitement all the parties had
subsided.

Branch Mint New Orleans
June 14, 1842.
Dr. R. M. Patterson

Sir,

I am happy to inform you that
the best feeling now exists between the coiners
P. B. Tyler and myself, which I hope may
long continue. Mr. T. has shown me a
letter addressed by him to you this day. I
concur with him in the request that no
notice may be taken by you of our late
misunderstanding or any of the circum-
stances connected therewith.

Respectfully yours
Obedient Servant
J. L. Riddell

Unofficial

New Orleans 13 June 1872

Dear Sir

In my letter of yesterday I mentioned that Mr. Kennedy had desired me to see Dr. Riddell and request him to make no publication respecting the affair with Mr. Tyler. I should have added that when I called for that purpose Dr. Riddell was not at home and I had no opportunity of seeing him until after the publication had been made.

In conversation with Mr. Tyler this morning he mentioned to me that he has been assured by Dr. Riddell that he has made no communication whatever to you on the subject of that affair. I did not apprise him that you had been written to, nor that I had received a letter from you.

I send you a morning's paper and remain

With much respect

your faithful servant

Ed. C. Lammie

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

Unofficial

New Orleans June 12, 1942.

Dear Sir

I send you a newspaper of this morning by which you will see that an adjourned meeting of the Citizens of this City is called to take place tomorrow evening to take into consideration the deranged state of our currency, and it is much feared that something violent and unpleasant may follow.

All of our Banks but three have suspended. The suspended ones refuse each others notes and the Specie Banks take none but specie notes. The consequence is that the paper of each ^{suspended} bank has a value of its own, varying from 6 to all 50% discount.

The deposits in these Banks are very heavy, principally in those at the greatest discount, & the depositors are becoming desperate at the losses they have to sustain to convert them into funds that will be received by the other Banks in payment of debt. Matters are made worse too by the loans procured by parties holding bills receivable. They have withdrawn them from the weaker banks and place them in the stronger ones, where only the notes of these banks or specie will be received. Many too have been transferred to Specie Banks.

The community is in a state of feverish excitement and we hear people talking familiarly about a riot which will be formed if something be not done.

The dissatisfaction is not among the low people; they want their 5⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ & 20⁰⁰ dollars in silver while the banks did pay; it is among men of means, who had money on deposit in the Banks when

they suspended, and such men as we should look to
as a guarantee to the tranquility of the City.

It is impossible to foresee how this business will end.

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst and note
contents. I have given Mr Kennedy the information he asks abt
the appropriations for wages, and the expenses incurred
that head.

Today I have a letter from the Register of the
Treasury in which, in answer to my enquiries, he
states the sums remaining unexpended on 31 March 1842
of the appropriations for our Branch as follows. viz:-

Salaries of Officers and Clerks 180.70

Compensation to Laborers 7.020.

Buildings &c 172.87

At that date I had drawn nothing towards paying expenses
for the present quarter.

The difference between Dr Riddell and Mr Tyler, to
of whom it seems you have been informed by the former, will
I suspect appear less unfavorable to Mr Tyler when you
hear the other side of the story. Mr Tyler, I am sure,
is not aware that the matter had been communicated
to you. There is a publication on this subject in the paper

Send you, which has been made, I know, with consulting
Mr Kennedy, for he addressed me a note last evening
begging me to see Dr Riddell and to request him not to
make any publication as the matter of dis-agreement
was not generally known, not having been noticed in any
newspaper.

That we do not get on more
successfully and more harmoniously at our work, is
much to be regretted, but it will never be while
organized as we now are.

I am very sincerely yours

McCannack

To
Dr R. M. Patterson.

27-MODERATE, MONDAY - The Letter Box of the Morning Mail
Last Date will leave hereafter EVERY DAY at 10 1/2
o'clock, A.M. A.G. SLOO,
U.S. Mail Line Office, 22 Camp Street.
TO THE PUBLIC - In justice to J. L. RIDDELL, I
deem it my duty to state, that when, about a month
since I gave information to the Recorder of the First Mani-
cipality, in behalf of a young woman who represented that
she had been seduced by him, I acted from sympathy,
excited by misrepresentation to me, and as I have since had
good reason to believe that I was grossly deceived by her, I
will add that I believe J. L. RIDDELL is wholly innocent of the
charges made against him, and sincerely regret all the dis-
agreeable circumstances which her intrusion upon me has
caused.
New Orleans, June 11, 1842. J. B. TYLER

Treasury Department
June 11. 1842.

Sir

I beg leave to call your attention to the paragraph in the enclosed letter enclosed with brackets & you will be pleased to give such instructions to the officers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans in relation to the matter therein referred to, as you may ^{deem} necessary & proper.

Be pleased to return the Superintendent's letter to the Department.

I am very Respectfully
Yours Forward
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.

Minister of the United States
New York, Nov. 11th, 1842.

Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of a statement made by the Matter Hoffman of the New Orleans Branch Office, in compliance with the views which I had presented relative to his passage account, and the general principles of which I communicated to you in my letter of the 4th inst. This statement was sent to me by the Treasurer, Mr. Carmichael, and received this morning. It is in accordance with the views which I gave to the First Auditor in my letter of the 16th of March; and an account conformable to it, which will no doubt be sent to your Department without delay, ought, in my judgment, to be ~~also~~ approved.

R. M. P.

Director

Wm. Underwood, Esq.
Acting First Auditor

Mint of the United States.

June 11th, 1842.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 1st inst., transmitting your statement of the operations of your Mint for ^{May} ~~Jan~~, with other papers.

I am much relieved by the information now communicated to me as to the state of your appropriations for Wages of Workmen. Under the act of March 3d, 1795, Sec. 16, it is clear that the whole balance of \$19,119.75 is still available to you;—for I take it for granted that you have always made your requisitions out of old appropriations, until they were exhausted. I regret exceedingly, that by leaving me in the dark as to this unexpended surplus, you have given me much unnecessary anxiety, and placed me in a false position before the Department and the Committee of Ways & Means. You presented your estimate to me, with the item for wages \$22,000; an amount which could only be justified on the supposition that you had no unexpended balance at your command. I accordingly assumed this as a fact, and felt sure that there must have been some misapprehension in the case on the part of the Committee of Ways & Means, or there really was, in the same item, with regard to this Phis-

Philadelphia Mint. As matters actually stand,
the appropriation of \$2000 seems to me to be
sufficient, with proper economy.

I had, in fact as you suppose, concluded a for-
getting, the mention made in your letter of the 6th of
March of your having written to Mr. Fillmore and Mr.
Barrow, - but my attention was soon after called
to the paragraph, and it was referred to in my sub-
sequent correspondence.

It is with great satisfaction that I have
received, at last, an account made out by Dr. Riddell,
to which I can give ~~and give~~ my approbation,
so far as principles are involved. As to some
of the items, your own books are the only authority.
I return Dr. Riddell's statement, at the request of
Mr. Cassinade, but I shall send a copy to the
Department, with a statement that it is in accordance
with my views. The account itself must go
to the Department from you, with the balance now
due by Dr. Riddell paid. I send a statement
of the account which I had drawn up for my
own satisfaction. You will see that it brings the
balance against the Minter & Refiner \$335.38.

I must now urge upon you the importance
of a more frequent settlement of the accounts with
the Minter & the Refiner, and request that such
settlements be made at least twice in the year, -
one, of course, ~~usually~~ at the end of December; ~~the other~~ and

the other period will probably be best fixed for
the end of July, - as this is
~~the~~ the time when the sickly season at your city
may be looked for, and when you have hitherto
had an interruption in your work has suspended
your operations.

Thy you to take the earliest occasion for
remitting me some funds on account of your
Mint. I am now \$54.31 in arrear for you,
and there is a bill due to the ^{to the} ~~Interference Co. of about \$12.~~ ^{of about \$12.}

Please to tell Mr. Cassinade that I wish
the \$48.43, which Dr. Riddell has placed in his
hands for Mr. Greenfield, to be remitted to me.
It is most convenient, ^{I think} that I should settle this
account with him.

R. M. S.

To
Jes. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
at W. Orleans

P.S. Your letter acknowledges the receipt of dis-
count by us, April 26, 30, May 11, & 5. You will see by my
letter of the 11th inst. that on last March 30, con-
taining "1/20. is doll., & 1/20. dime dis", is still unacknow-
ledged.

Account of Jan. 1, 1842, so far as it respects the Melted
 Refiner, modified in conformity with his Statement of May 26, 1842.

Gold:

	Dr.	10,822	516
	Cr.	10,371	620
Balance,		450	696
Bullion weighed,	1134.196		
Scrap,	10.840		
Waste,	5.660	450	696

Silver:

	Dr.	919,317	11
	Cr.	933,088	70
Balance,		36,228	111
Bullion weighed,		33,374.95	
Net value of Scrap,		209.69	
Am. required to pay for smelting			
Scrap left by Massey: 30 cut. 6.82		193.36	
Am. req. for making the silver			
Waste of 1840 full,		274.77	
Full waste on 931,621.81 oz. ac-			
tually delivered in 1841, & exclusive		1,863.24	
of 37,695.30 oz. twice delivered, &c.			
		35,940	19
Scoring Balance against Melted & Refined	Op. 288	22	
Equal to	\$ 335.	35	

Albany N.Y.
June 4th, 1849.

Sir,

The subject of Dr. Riddell's account, ^{to} which
you remind me in your letter of the 2d inst.,
has not failed to command my attention. The
inquiries, promised in my communications to your
office of the 14th ult. last, were made, - answers
were received, - answers made, - and, at length, on the
5th of May, I was enabled to lay my views
before the Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch
Albany, in such terms as I hoped would have
enabled him to present to the Department, by
this time at latest, an amended and acceptable
account. After presenting I take the liberty
of enclosing a copy of a part of this communi-
cation.

"I believe that you have in my former letters on
this subject, and in the present, all the views &c.
[Copy as enclosed. Yours &c.]
"The responsible officers must pay the difference."

I write to-day to New Orleans, to mention your
letter, and to urge immediate action in the case, if
such has not already been taken.

Wm. Underwood, Esq.,
Acting First Auditor

A. M. P.
Director

Minist. of the United States.

Nov. 4, 1842.

Sir,

I have this morning received a letter from the Acting First Auditor of the Treasury, calling my attention to Dr. Riddell's account, and I have in answer referred to my communication to you of the 6th ult., from which I have given some extracts explanatory of the ~~principles~~^{grounds} on which I judge that this account ought to be permitted and settled. I have also promised him to call your immediate attention to the matter, which I now do with the greatest earnestness.

N. M. P.

Dear Sir,

P.S. In your letter of May 6th, you acknowledged the receipt of a box of dies, viz: 1/4th doll. & 1/2th dime, for. ell. Kennedy, Esq. } sent by us on the 28th of
Sup. Br. Court, } March. Since then there
at W. Orleans. } have been sent the following
which are yet unacknowledged:

March 30,	- 1 Box	containing	1/4 th doll. & 1/2 th dime dies.
April 26,	- 1 "	"	1/4 th dime, & 2 cent 1/4 doll. "
" 30,	- 1 "	"	1/4 th doll. & 1/2 th dime "
May 14,	- 1 "	"	1/4 th dollar "
" 5,	- 1 "	"	1/4 th dollar "

Treasury Department
First Auditing Office 2 June 1842

Sir

In your letter of 16th inst last, you suggested the propriety of letting the account of D. Reddick, the matter & Refund of the New Orleans Branch Mint be over, until you had recd. answers to inquiries which you had addressed to the Superintendent respecting the wastage claimed. Will you please to inform me, whether or not, you have recd. a reply, as the ^{adjustment of the} last two accounts of the Orleans Branch is delayed, awaiting the information you called for.

R M Patterson Esq
Director of Mint
Philadea.

I am very respectfully
Yours M^o Obedient
W. W. Brown
Acting Auditor

Unofficial.

Unit of the United States,
June 2, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your private letter of the 15th ult., and for the papers giving an account of the extraordinary outbreak in your city.

You say that your fund for Inc. Exps., (a phrase no longer admitted, it seems, as parliamentary,) is exhausted. I feel a great curiosity to know how it is with your last year's appropriation for Mayor Mr. Kennedy, in his estimate, asked for \$22,000 for the present year, and you are aware, that but \$2000 have been voted. This circumstance has given me great uneasiness, & my correspondence on the subject with the Superintendent has shown you the measures which I took to prevent so unprecedented a reduction. I was wanting, however, of the necessary data on which to found an effectual remonstrance. For this purpose, it was necessary that I should be able to state the actual amount expended under the appropriation in question, in, or for, 1841, — & this I am still ignorant of.

On the 24th ult., I addressed your Representative, Mr. White, on the subject of this appropriation. He answered that it had been a source of solicitude to him, but that "the case, though certainly not exactly as it shall be, had not been quite so bad as I apprehended." He goes on to say, "It appears, by the report of the Secretary

that the real, available, medium balance, on the 1st of January, 1842, was \$12,320, of which \$5,000 have since been drawn. To this sum of \$12,320 remaining on hand for 1842, add the \$2,000 of the bill, and the available aggregate is \$14,320, which the Committee considered would be about equal to the average expenditure of some years past, under that head.

Now this statement, which corresponds with that made to me by Mr. Fillmore, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means, leads necessarily to one of two conclusions, both of which are of a character to give me much uneasiness. The drafts made by you upon the Treasury may not correspond to your actual expenditures under this head, - contingent or other funds having been used to pay the Workmen, - in which case the supposed balance now available for this purpose is really not in existence, & you will be this year without funds. Or, secondly, I have been made to ask of Congress an excessive & unjustified appropriation. "Which of the two to choose?"

You surprise me by the statement that you are not yet entirely relieved from the operations of the Subtreasury.

You mention that your Meltin & Refiner has about 26000 lbs. of silver at as low a price as 800 Hds, and has no fine silver to raise. I should hardly suppose that this circumstance could cause him any embarrassment. The silver can be readily, & most properly,

refined by the use of the test, and I understand that Dr. Riddell has constructed a test furnace. It would not look well to send this bullion to another Mint for coinage. You justly remark that the amount is too large to remain idle, and there is certainly no sufficient reason why it should. Nothing of the kind is permitted at this Mint.

I have a letter from Dr. Riddell, of the 16th ult., respecting an affair, in which it appears, from copies of official documents, that Mr. Tyler became a voluntary accused of Dr. Riddell on a charge which was not only not sustained by evidence, but overthrown by the oath of the persons in whose behalf he came forward. If there be not, (as usual,) two sides to this story, it is very unfavorable to Mr. Tyler.

I hope you may get the holiday you intend to ask for, & that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at Philad^a.

Very respectfully,

faithfully yours,

R. M. Patterson.

To
H. C. Cammacker.

Branch Mint, New Orleans

Treasurer's Office June 2nd 1862

Sir

I had the pleasure of addressing you on the 31st ultimo, with Dr. Riddell's statement of corrections to be made in his account - I have since then thought it advisable, in order that you may more fully understand the position of this account, to send you copy of the one rendered by me to the Department on 31 Decemr 1861 of the M^{rs}. McKim's account of Silver - You will observe that there was then a balance against him, as shown by my account of 55,636 standard ounces, while his account, showing no balance, contained items amounting to that sum, for which there were no warrants from the Superintendent - The most correct way for settling, would perhaps be, for the whole to be made anew, but as my accounts for the 4th quarter of 1861 and 1st quarter of this year, with the Warrants Vouchers &c, have been forwarded, I trust that the corrections can be made in this quarter - the result will be the same.

I am sorry to inform you that 6 out of 10 of our Banks have again suspended specie payments, after having been well drained of their specie - the other 4 I believe can sustain themselves -

There has not been a deposit in the Mint for Coinage, since I wrote to you last, and there does not now seem to be any prospect of our having much to do here this Summer - If it should be decided that the Mint should suspend operations during the Summer Months, it will enable us to move the appropriation for Compensation to Laborers, so as to renew operations again in the Autumn, and work on until a new Congress assemble.

The

The balance of appropriation on this account, on 31 December last, and which is available in 1842, according to the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the House, dated 20 Decr 1841 was 12,320 \$

Appropriated this session 2,000
 14,320 \$

equal to 3 quarters pay at 4500 \$ per Quarter -

If the appropriations be not increased another year, it seems to me that we must take into consideration the necessity of reducing the expenses - this can be done only by reducing the pay to the clerks and the members cannot be well decreased - I send you a copy of our pay Roll for the first month of this quarter, to compare with wages paid at the Patent Mint.

With much respect

Your faithful Servant

McClellan

Treasurer

J. Dicks R. M. Patterson
 Director U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

P. S. Appropriations have been made for building floor, & Shortt's
 as these expenses have been paid out of the Contingent fund,
 cannot I now draw that amount to be used in paying
 Contingent expenses?

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Pay Roll of Laborers for April

Name & Occupation	Wages per month	Amount per day	Extra time	amt for extra work	Sum due
John Brooks, Foreman Lining department	\$100.00	\$3.84			\$100.00
Albert Eames in do	\$4.50	\$2.25	10 days	\$2.50	\$117.00
Peter E. Lovick " do	\$4.50	\$2.25	2 "	6.50	\$91.00
Sylvester Huestis " do	\$4.50	\$2.25	9 "	\$29.25	\$113.75
Rufus Chawab " do	\$4.50	\$2.25	9 "	\$29.25	\$113.75
C. C. Lyons " do	\$8.00	\$3.00	1 "	3.00	\$81.00
Erastus Bates " do	\$8.00	\$3.00	10 "	\$30.00	\$108.00
Lawrence Stafford " do	\$8.00	\$3.00	6 "	15.00	\$96.00
William F. Dorsett " do	\$8.00	\$3.00	10 "	\$30.00	\$108.00
George Harper " do	\$1.50	\$2.75	2 "	5.50	\$77.00
Richard Keen " do	\$1.50	\$2.75	2 "	5.50	\$77.00
Richard Steensen " do	\$5.00	\$2.50	8 "	\$20.00	\$85.00
George Tyler " do	\$5.00	\$2.50	6 "	15.00	\$80.00
John Wintendrop " do	\$8.50	\$2.25			\$58.50
Samuel L. Chaville, Foreman Trucking dep't	\$4.50	\$2.25	3 "	9.75	\$94.25
William Doran in do	\$5.00	\$3.00	3 "	9.00	\$87.00
John O'Brien " do	\$5.00	\$2.50	3 "	7.50	\$72.50
John Carroll " do	\$5.00	\$2.50	3 "	7.50	\$72.50
Francisco Long " do	\$5.00	\$2.50	3 "	7.50	\$72.50
Fred. P. Nixon, in Laying department	\$8.00	\$3.00			\$78.00
					\$1782.75

Dr.

Melter & Refiner his Account of Silver

Cr.

1841			Ounces	ac	Dollars	cts
Sep 30	To Balance as per account rendered to this date		12,915	05	15,031	92
Nov 30	By Silver Bullion delivered him, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 22		75,440	23	87,784	99
"	Do. delivered him in Clippings, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 22		14,937	00	17,381	23
Dec 31	By Silver Bullion delivered him, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 23		40,638	30	47,288	20
"	Do. delivered him in Clippings, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 23		38,000	00	44,218	18
			181,933	61	211,704	52

1841			Ounces	ac	Dollars	cts
Dec 31	By Silver Bullion received from him from 1 st October to 31 st December, per Warrants of the Superintendent Nos. 22 & 23		179,514	01	205,889	02
"	Profit of Sep. For this amount allowed him, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 9. For wastage of 31,624,51 in Silver Bullion delivered him from 1 st January to 31 st December 1841, inclusive.		1863	24	2,168	13
"	Balance to new account		55636		647	37
			181,933	61	211,704	52

W. L. French Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Y.
June 1. 1842.

Sir,

You will find enclosed a Statement of the opera-
= tion at this Mint, during the last month, and a
Memorandum from Mr. Carmack, giving all the
information you desire, relative to our appropriation for
"Wages of Workmen". In a letter of the 6th March
I informed you that I had, immediately on the receipt
of your l^r of the 15th February written to Messrs. Pittman
and Barrow on the subject of that item in our estimate
for 1842 - That part of my letter must have occu-
= ped your recollection, when you stated, that you had
rec^d. no answer to your l^r of the last mentioned date.
Mr. Carmack has sent, for your examination, at my
request Dr. Riddell's account "submitted" in
conformity with the views expressed in your Commu-
= nication to me of the 5th ult. You will oblige me
by sending it with your remarks, to the Treasury De-
= partment. The last 4 boxes of die, the receipt of
which I now acknowledge, contained 2 1/2 dollar dies,
2 1/2 of dime, and 3 1/2 of 1/2 dollar dies -
H. M. Patterson Esq. - Resp. your obed^t. servant
Director of the Mint of the U. S. J. Patterson
1842

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of May 1842.

Deposits							Coinage			
Kind of Deposit	Gross Weight after melting	Standard Weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions	Total Value before deductions		Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value	
	Ounces &c	Ounces &c	Dollars &c	Dollars &c	Dollars	&c			Dollars &c	Total Value Dollars &c
<i>Gold.</i>							<i>Sold.</i>			
Foreign Bullion	115 98	91 148	1696 59	1696 59			Half Eagles	800	4,000 00	
Foreign Coins	8 87	8 284	154 12	154 12						
					1,850	71				4,000 00
<i>Silver.</i>							<i>Silver</i>			
Foreign Bullion	2,399 75	2,532 98	2,947 40	2,939 25			Half Dimes	30,000	1,500 00	
Foreign Coins	9,900 20	9,524 09	11,431 55	11,403 11			Dimes	255,000	25,500 00	
							Quarter Dollars	155,000	38,750 00	
							Half Dollars	155,000	38,750 00	
					14,378	95				150,000 00
								609,500		
					Total Deposits	\$16,229 66		Total Coinage		\$152,000 00

W. H. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1842.
H. C. Hammack
Treasurer

Sir,
On the 31st December 1839, the unexpended appropriations for Compensation to Laborers for the Branch Mint at New Orleans according to a statement from the Office of the Register of the Treasury, Nov. of 2 March 1840, was.

The Appropriations for 1840.	\$ 17,244.78
" " " 1841.	22,000.00
" " " 1842.	22,000.00
	<u>\$ 61,244.78</u>

According to my account, I have drawn, as follows.

1840. 31. March	\$ 3000.00
" 10. June	4000.00
" 8. August	3137.50
" 19. Sept.	3137.50
" 21. Nov.	4750.00
	<u>\$ 18,025.00</u>

1841. 27. March	\$ 4750.00
" 8. May	4750.00
" 30. July	4800.00
" 12. Nov.	4800.00
	<u>19,100.00</u>

1842. 26. February	\$ 5,000.00
	<u>\$ 42,125.00</u>

Leaving undrawn balance of \$ 19,119.78

I do not know what portion of this sum has been carried to surplus fund.

The Payments for Wages of Laborers by me have been, as follows.

1 st Quarter 1840.	\$ 4939.28
2 nd " "	4929.28
3 rd " "	4927.12
4 th " "	4754.68
	<u>\$ 19,550.36</u>
1 st Quarter 1841.	\$ 4751.74
2 nd " "	4803.11
3 rd " "	4831.25
4 th " "	4654.00
	<u>18,720.10</u>
1 st Quarter 1842.	5,074.24
	<u>\$ 43,344.70</u>

I am yours truly,
W. B. Hammond, Jr.
W. B. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1842.

To
J. M. Kennedy Esqr
Superintendent.

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasury Office 31 May 1842

Sir

By request of Mr Kennedy, I send you herein, Dr Riddell's account made out in conformity to your letter of 5th instant, as I understand it. This is sent to you for your approval, as well as that of the Secretary of the Treasury, if you think such necessary, before the entries are made on the Books of my Office - I will be obliged if you will return the account to me with your instructions -

Since the resumption of specie payments by our Banks, the deposits in the Mint for Coinage have fallen off, almost entirely - Only 6 deposits have been made amounting to 1800 Coins - I attribute this to two causes - One, that the resumption having caused dimes and half dimes to pass for their actual value, say 10 and 20 to the dollar, there are no longer any inducements to have them coined - The other, that the Banks are all so much pressed for specie, that they are unwilling to put any of their means out of their possession, unless with a certainty of being able to get it back without delay, and when wanted by them - The Mint has now deposited for Coinage - into half and quarter dollars 42000

"	dimes	5000
"	Half dimes	5000
		<u>97.000</u>

and I have now in my possession about 50.000 in Coins -

The Government deposit is about 20000 \$ (after deducting the amount due by Mr Install) and this is not enough to cover the amount which is usually kept by the Melted Refiner in low standard bullion, grain &c. We cannot consequently pay depositors with any promptness, unless

the Government deposit be increased, as the bullion on hand waded down to
a smaller amount. - Last Summer when we suspended operations, we
were compelled to let a deposit, made by one of our Banks, remain over,
until the Mint recommenced work -

Dr. Riddell has left in my possession \$18⁰⁰ to be paid
to Mr. Greenfield, as recommended in your letter of 25 instant, which sum
I hold subject to your orders - if you desire, it shall be remitted to you.

I have the honor

to be, Very respectfully

Your faithful Servant

W. C. Cameron

Treasurer.

P. S. No allowance of wastage has been made the Meltin & Refiner
on the amount of \$7,695.30 of Silver delivered on
"31 December 1840, and re-delivered the next day."

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Received of W. C. Cameron
\$18.00
for Dr. Riddell's account
W. C. Cameron
Treasurer



[Copy]

Statement of the net amount of sweep, shipped to S. R. -
Treasurer, New York, in January, 1842, as per actual re-
turns through the Director of the Mint.

Weight of Sweep - 44 7/8 cwt.
Deduction for smelting - \$ 7 1/2 per cwt.
Wholesale of smelting - \$ 331.25 -
Total gross value of the sweep
as per smelter's assay - \$ 776.79
Less net value - \$ 445.54

Now of the \$ 776.79. There is Silver - \$ 425.37
" Gold - \$ 351.42
776.79

425.37 - \$ 244 = 209 1/2 ozs = the net value of the
contained Silver -
776.79 - 445.54 =
331.42 - \$ 201.54 = 10 3/4 ozs = the net value of the
Gold.

Now 10 3/4 ozs of Gold was not reported in the Gold account at the
time of the Annual Settlement Dec. 31, 1841; but a claim for 16 1/2
ozs. wastage was allowed. Now if from 16 1/2 ozs. be taken the 10 3/4
the allowance for wastage will be reduced to 5 1/2 ozs, which
being in 10,822 1/2 ozs of Gold bullion, would be near 1/4 the li-
mits of legal allowance.

There amount to be carried to my debit on the Gold
account in the Treasurer's books - 10.84 -

Settlement of some suspended items, in the Silver account of
the Mint and Refine of the New Orleans Branch Mint, as pre-
sented Dec. 31, 1841, in Annual Settlement. This settlement is in
accordance with the views of the Director, as per letter to our su-
perintendent of May 5th 1842.

Mint and Refine in account with Treasurer, S. R.

1. To allowance for smelting 30 cwt. of sweep, left
by my predecessor, Mr. Maxwell, debited to me, on
the 25th February 1841, at 306 3/4 ozs standard, its
gross value, without deduction for smelting, -
and included in Branch No. 14, as clippings, viz.
30 cwt. at \$ 7 1/2 per cwt. - 193.36 \$ 225.

2. To Silver wastage made good on 1840, there was
amount of Silver bullion delivered to me during
1840 - 1137.48 25 oz.
Full 2 oz. wastage allow - 2.27 1/2
Wastage claimed and allowed - 2,000 -
Difference - 274.97
In some settlements claim for 5000 ozs of
Silver in Gold alloy was disallowed, and
re-charged to me 30th April 1841, as per Cliph
Branch for clippings No. 17. said then carried out 274.97 \$

The sum of the two foregoing items 168.33 ozs
in lieu of 556 3/4 ozs as claimed by me in an-
nual settlement, to be carried to my cre-
dit in the Books of the Treasurer - 168.33 \$

Branch Mint New Orleans

May, 26th 1842. (Signed)

J. S. Riddell
Mint & Refine

Philadelphia, Dec. 24, 1844.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 13th, just received.

I am sorry for what you tell me about poor George Lewis, especially as I think there is reason to believe that the accusation under which he has been discharged by the ~~prosecution~~ ^{attendant} is unfounded. We have three men named Somers, - Martin, Henry, & George, - all men of the best character, - and they all assure me that they have received no letter from George Lewis since he arrived at New Orleans, - indeed your letter gives us the first information that he had arrived, although some of his creditors have been making anxious inquiry after him. He had promised, when he left us, to write to Martin Somers, but he has not done so.

^{Edgfield &}
Mr. Dubois will send a parcel of the Manual to you by the first opportunity. They are much obliged to you for the interest

you have taken in their work. These As. students
is a great bullion market, they would be dis-
posed to place copies of their books in the hands
of a bookseller there, but their sad experience
has shown them that they cannot get from
these parties any of the proceeds of their sales.

I am anxious to hear whether the Secretary
has inclosed your M^d. deposit, and also what
is the result of our small remittance of copper
coins, and what you think of the continuance
of this operation.

Very truly yours
R. M. P.

H/
H. C. Cunniff, Esq.

To the Treasurer of the French Mint New Orleans, in Account with the Comptroller, Solo. Cr.

1812	Decr 31	To Amt of Comptroller's salary to him this year.	21,795	635
		• Amt of Clippings' salaries to him this year.	24,938	382
		• Amt of Clippings' wages the day in settlement	1,143	050
		• Wastage for this year	47	857
			47,924	914

Wastage = 1.143 almost exactly the same as this

1812	Decr 31	To Amt of Agents rec'd from him this year	47,924	914
			47,924	914

*Comptroller's Office December 31, 1812
(Signed) P. H. T. G. L.
Comptroller*

Copy.

The United States in Account with Horace C. Hammack, Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, La.
his account of the craning receipts & expenditures for the quarter ending the 31st of December, 1842.

1842		Dollars	Cts	1842		Dollars	Cts
Sept. 30	To Balance, for acct. rendered to this date	2	66	Nov. 30	By Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U. States No. 2006, for the Coinage & House Expenses of the Branch Mint.	6	00
Dec. 31	Amount paid from 1 st October to this date, inclusive, for the Coinage Expenses of the Branch Mint	6	50	Dec. 31	Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U. States No. 2196, for the Salaries of Officers & Clerks, Wages of Laborers, Coinage, House & Office Expenses, Buildings & Machinery & Incidentals & Contingent Expenses & Repairs of the Branch Mint.	16	49
"	" Amount paid for "House Expenses" of the Branch Mint	1	82				
"	" Amount paid for the "Office Expenses" of the Branch Mint	4	62				
"	" Amount paid "Wages of Laborers" employed at the Mint.	3	67				
"	" Amount paid Salaries of Officers & Clerks, of the Mint, for the quarter ending this day.	3	25				
"	" Amount paid from Incidentals & Contingent Expenses to Silver Coinage, Bullion acct, being for the Balance of Profit & Loss account on the Bullion Drabs of the Mint, up to the 30 th of September last.	3	27				
"	" Balance to new Account	3	27				
		22	49			22	49

W. T. Hammack, Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, La.
Treasurer's Office Dec. 31st 1842.

To the Treasurer of the Branch No. 1 New Orleans in Account with the Corner Silver Co.

1842 Dr	31 To Amt of some accounts to him this year	765.058 55
	" Amt of Clippings delivered to him this year	550.873 15
	" Amt of Bullion weighed in Settlement	27.549 45
	" Wastage —	2.018 21
		<hr/> 1345.499 36

1912 Dec	31	By Silver Ingots received this year.	1045.499 36
			1045.499 36

Comer's Office Dec. 31, 1892
(Signed) P. B. Comer
Comer.

Receivd, Dec. 27th 1842, of Dr. R. M.
Patterson, fifty dollars, transmitted to
me, through him, by my son William Ty-
ler, from New Orleans.

\$50.

Elizabeth Tyler

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans, Dec 22nd 1842

Sir,

I am directed by Dr. Hott to apply to you for four or five dozen matras for gold assays, and a set of annealing crucibles for the same purpose. On deposits of gold requiring to be parted, having of late been very large, I have also to ask you for 25 Carls's Mass of Nitric Acid - That recently sent by you has been received, as well as the weights. Dr. Rivelle recommends that you purchase the Acid at the Establishment of N. Leming & Co. from whom he has lately had one Carls as a sample.

The ten casts of cents, shipped to this Mint for distribution, have not yet come to hand. I will, after a trial of the experiment, give you my views respecting the practicability of the plan. - My present opinion is, that the introduction of Copper Coins here, would be objectionable, in the eyes of a very large majority of our community - In 1827 or 28, the Branch Bank of the U. S. in this City, received, also for distribution, from the Mother Bank in Philadelphia, 10 Kegs of cents. The whole amount sold was \$20 worth,

and that for some special purpose. This information
I derive from the individual who was the paying teller
of the Branch at the time - The change for the
Note, which, since that period, has taken place
in the situation of affairs here, great as it is, will
not, I am confident, overcome the prejudice existing
against Copper as a circulating medium -

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Yr. obed. ^t servant

J. McKim

Sup^t.

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia

Wm. W. W. Dec. 19 /44.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 6th inst. with the report of the operations of your office for November. The deposits, I am glad to say, are of a very greater than they have hitherto been at your establishment. The inability to keep your coinage upon a level with your deposits, ~~has~~ when this occurs, as in the present instance, a sudden increase of the latter, shows the necessity of a larger capital to meet or, in the form of a government deposit. I hope that, by this ^{present} time, this essential part of the machinery of a Mint has been supplied to you.

You inquire whether it would be objectionable that Dr. Reidell should have his sweep conducted at New Orleans by Doane & Co., provided it can be done on the same terms obtained at New York for his former sweep. I answer ~~not~~ ^{not} certainly ~~not~~ ^{not} always ~~provided~~ ^{provided} that the condition of payment in advance, ~~before~~ ^{before} the delivery of the sweep, be rigidly enforced. Doane & Co. failed in Philadelphia in his attempt at smelting, and, as I informed you, was put in prison for debt and ~~frustrated~~ ^{frustrated} in fulfilling his contract. I hope therefore that no pecuniary trust may be placed in him in any contract with the office.

May you be send me your next monthly re-
port as early as possible after the close of the
year, and to send, at the same time, any in-
formation or remarks, which you may deem im-
portant to me in making up my annual report.

R. M. P.
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W. A. Bennett, Esq.
Sub-Br. & Clerk
New Orleans.

P.S. I have to acknowledge the recd. of your letter of the 20th ult.
We sent you, on the 14th inst., through the Sec. of Treas., 1 pair
 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar dies, on the 15th, 1 pair Eagle dies, and on the 16th, 1 pair
 $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar dies. We send to day 1 pair $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle, & 1 pair $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar,
and shall continue to send a box by each mail till you have
a perfect supply. You will observe that we now send them in
two boxes, & that each box has a number stamped
upon the cover, & indicating the order in which the boxes
are sent.

The glass matrices are ordered & will be shipped to you from
Boston. We are making arrangements with a manufactur-
er to have stone pens made for you.

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of November, 1842.

Deposits						Coinage				
Description of Bullion	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before assaying	Value after assaying	Total Value before assaying	Denomination	Number	Total Value
	Grains	aw	Grains	aw	Dollars	Cts	Dollars			Dollars
<i>Gold.</i>								<i>Gold.</i>		
Foreign Bullion	57	21	40	550	760	56	760	Quarter Eagles	17,000	42,500 00
Foreign Coins	14,469	69	14,352	515	267,029	11	267,029	Eagles	7,500	75,000 00
							267,789			120,500 00
<i>Silver.</i>								<i>Silver.</i>		
Foreign Bullion	2,028	00	2,028	21	2,371	76	2,371	Half Dollars	122,000	61,000 00
Foreign Coins	106,279	40	104,942	63	122,115	03	122,115			61,000 00
							124,486			
									146,800	
							Total Deposits			Total Coinage
							\$592,276 46			\$181,500 00

W. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
 Treasurer's Office November 30th 1842.
 H. Cammack
 Treasurer

New Orleans December 16th 1872

Dear Sir

By request of my nephew Mr. Tyler, I send you twenty five dollars in payment of a note which ^{he} gave you for the money which you were so kind as to lend him; also fifty dollars for his mother, which I beg you will have the kindness to apprise her of. I presume you are aware of William's deplorable decline, as I gave a true account of his condition, to his mother some time since. Every day makes me more acquainted with the progressive symptoms of the last stage of consumption. and although he has been able to sit up nearly all day for a week or two past, and to ~~ride~~ make a short distance in a carriage, & on very pleasant days, he is undoubtedly fast sinking under the disease. indeed his physician thinks there is no prospect of his living through the winter. I have felt much afflicted by his sickness, as well as by the illness of my dear wife. Should she as a last resort have just embarked for Havana, to try the effects

of a more healthy atmosphere, I have been severely ill
myself as you have already been acquainted by Mr. Comstock
and have only partially recovered my usual health.
My physician moved me to go with Mrs. Tyler to Cuba, at least
to make the trip there & back, which he thought of the utmost
importance to me, and which I had concluded to do; but
in consequence of the untoward circumstances of which you
are probably already informed through Mr. Penning, I have
felt myself compelled to remain, very much against my in-
clination - The circumstance to which I refer is in relation to
my discovery of a deficiency of about 300 of gold. When
it appears, was in consequence of mistakes made in the
transfer of all the Whippings or ingots, when I was sick -
and notwithstanding Dr. Childs has found an excess in his
possession nearly equal to what I am deficient, I feel in
great distress, from the apparent combination of difficulties
with which I am so poorly qualified to contend. But I have a
firm reliance on the wisdom and goodness of Providence, in
which I have much consolation.

Please hand the above note to his mother, and in apprising her of your
receipt of the draft - you will confer a great favor, as she is much
in need - Very sincerely your Humble Servant
To Dr. Robert M. Patterson, } P. B. Tyler

Dec. 9/44
Dec. 16/44
P. B. Tyler
P. B. Tyler
P. B. Tyler

Mail U.S.

Dec. 14, '42.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you, by the present Mail, a box of dis., directed in the inner envelope, to the Supt. of the Pr. Mail at New Orleans, which I pray you to forward under your frank.

Several more boxes, for the same Mail, will be sent by the succeeding mails.

R.M.P.

De

Prof H. W. Brown?
Sec. of Reus.

Mont. Clark
Philadelphia, Dec. 11/42.

Sir,

Will you excuse me for asking that you
will give your attention, at as early a period after
session as practicable, to the bill reported by your
committee ~~for~~ at the last session, respecting the
rates at which certain foreign coins are to be
made current in the United States? The errors
of the present ~~bill~~ ^{law} continue to deceive the public,
and to annoy the mints. I have received, within
a few days, a letter from the Treasurer of the
New Orleans Mint, in which he says:

"A deposit of \$20,000 in French and English
gold coins was made for coinage to-day. The gold
that comes from the North has been purchased by
weight;— sovereigns at 94.8 cents per dwt.—and
when deposited for coinage does not produce so
much. This has caused inquiry on the part of
persons who have been receiving gold, &c." The
result of such inquiries is to put a stop to ~~further~~
further deposits on the part of those who ~~have been~~ ^{have}
~~found~~ that the law of Congress has deceived them.
Can any one require that such a state of things
should continue?

To
Hon. George Evans.

R. M. P.

Albion N.Y. Dec. 14/42.

Dear Sir,

Your letter post-marked Nov 27, but not otherwise dated, mentions an anxiety and under which we have long suffered here, - the false valuation of foreign coins by the acts of June, 1834. I have protested against this repeatedly, and at the last session of Congress a new bill was reported to the Senate by the Committee on Finance, but not acted upon. I have written to the Chairman, Mr. Evans, to beg that he will give it his early attention, at this session. - Your explanation of the error of the ^{act} was right, since the fineness of the sovereign is 915 $\frac{1}{2}$ in fact and 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ by law. There is, however, another cause for the overvaluation, namely that the standard of our own gold coins was somewhat raised in 1837. On all these subjects you will find full information in the "Manual of Coins," of which a copy was taken to you by Gen. Lewis. By the way, has Gen. Lewis arrived among you, and is he employed? Did Mr. King also find employment?

I have been distressed to hear of William Tyler's sad condition. Please to let me hear about him whenever you write.

Wm. C. Parmelee, Esq.

R. M. D.

New Orleans December 13 1842.

Dr R. M. Patterson
dear fr

I have received your valued letters of
31 October, the 23 and 28 Nov. and 2nd December. The last
of which came to hand this morning.

Notice particularly what you say in your letter of 28th
I do not know who furnished the information respecting our
Unit which was contained in the Bulletin of the 18th
ultimo.

I have collected from the man named George Lewis
10 dollars. amount of his draft to go over which please
to take from the funds in your hands belonging to this
branch. That man has been discharged by Dr Riddle
in consequence of some believed duplicity respecting
a letter which Lewis was charged with writing to
a man named Summers, or Sammers, in the Unit in
Philadelphia, criticizing the Melting Department.

The informer is a man of ~~reputed~~ bad reputation
and Lewis complains very much of him.

Dr Riddle thinks the acid by the Sceptic is
much better than the first 10 Carboys per Ohio.

The 3 copies of the "Manual" have been received. Mr
Cockfield, when I was in Phila, proposed to send out some
of them for sale. Had he done so I could have disposed of
them readily. Several have been ordered by my recommend-
and I have been requested to get three for my friends -
which Mr Dunning will please to send to me.

I think that I mentioned to you sometime ago
that Mr Tyler had recovered. Mrs Tyler is not well
and

up here this morning on board the steam ship Alabama
for Hawaii. We have had very bad weather. Not cold
for some time past. but today the sun shines bright &
it is very pleasant. I am suffering from severe cold.

Large sums of money, Mexican dollars of recent
coinage, are arriving from Tampico. Yesterday a
scholarship of near 500,000 \$ came in. Our coinage
for this month does not now promise to be as large as I had
at the beginning of it anticipated.

I am very sincerely
H. B. Hammett

Unofficial

Mint of the United States

Dec. 8th, 1840.

Sir,

In consequence of a ^{recent} correspondence with
the Secretary of the Treasury, I have felt
myself authorized to apply for an increase
of the gold U.S. deposits, ~~to~~ ^{by} the amount of at
least \$100,000, and I have no doubt that
it will be promptly granted.

P.M.P.

Dec. 11.

To

Jos. M. Kennedy &

Sup. Br. Mint

New Orleans

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Dec 6. 1842

Sir,

Enclosed you have the Statement of our
Operations, during the last month.

Will you be kind enough to inform me, what dis-
position is to be made of Dr. Stoddell's scrap,
at the end of the year? Should it be shipped
to New York, if the Smelters there are willing to
take it, on the same terms as the last, (which
please ascertain) or, can Dr. R. be authorized to
sell it, at the same rate, to Governor G. who
can, on a smelting establishment in this City.
This Governor, is one of the men employed in
our Smelting Department.

Very respectfully
J. Stoddell & Son.

N. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint of the
U. S. Philadelphia

J. Stoddell & Son
Super

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 5. 1842.

Sir, I have this morning rec^d. your letter
of the 23^d ult.

The allowance which you reported as having
been made to the Meltin & Ref. in Mex. doubloons
was .9 oz. or 300 oz. If you had paid 300 oz., the state-
ment would have coincided very ~~much~~ nearly
with that which you now ~~are~~ make.

Our public deposits of Silver is reduced
to \$47,282.36, & we find ourselves embarrassed
to make payments of deposits for coinage
with sufficient promptitude. I have applied to
the Secretary for an increase, & will let you
know the result, as it may direct your
course.

Mr. Farr, the head of the house which
furnishes our acids, has just been to see
me. He says that the acid sent to your
Mint was the same which we have been
using, & Dr. McClintock states that, with the
exception of a single cumber, it has been quite
satisfactory, - the only impurity being a small
quantity of muriatic acid, which is easily thrown
down by nitrate of Silver. - Mr. Farr says
that his acid is made from Salt-petre of a very
excellent quality, containing only $\frac{1}{5}$ of one per cent.

of muriatic acid. He asserts that every carbony
is tested for Sulphuric acid, & that he is quite con-
fident that none was sent to New Orleans
with this impurity. I have ordered five
carbons more for you, and five for ourselves
of the same parcel, that a fair comparison may
be made.

I am distressed to hear of the contin-
ued & increased illness of poor Mr. Tyler. His
mother has been to see me, & she is very un-
happy about his condition. I am glad to
learn that Mr. Tyler is again able to attend
to business.

R. M. P.
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To
H. C. Cammack, Esq,
Near Dr. Hunt,
New Orleans.

Mint Note
(Post 2d, 1842)

Sir,

In consequence of a suggestion made ^{to me} by Mr. Cammash, that it would be desirable to have a supply of copper coins placed at New Orleans for distribution, I laid the following proposition before the Secretary of the Treasury.

1st. That bags of cents should, from time to time, be sent from here to the Branch at New Orleans, and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of that Branch for distribution.

2d. That the Treasurer of the Branch at New Orleans be considered as the agent of the Treasury of this land in the business, and that he have allowed to him a commission of one per cent. on the amount of copper sold.

3d. That the expenses of transporting the coins, including insurance if deemed expedient, be paid by the Mint.

4th. That the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch at New Orleans, in his capacity of agent, shall account with the Treasurer of this Mint, who will of course account with the Department, for this as well as for all other copper coin transactions.

On the 17th of Nov., the Secretary of the Treasury,

made the following answer to my communication
on this subject.

"Your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the
transfer of copper coins from the Mint at Philadel-
phia to the Branch Mint at New Orleans has been
received, and I see no objection to the course
suggested by you, unless it be in the allowance
of a commission to the Treasurer of the Branch
at New Orleans. I would therefore propose that
the arrangement be carried out with that ex-
ception."

In compliance, then, with this authority,
and under the arrangements stated, with the ex-
ception made by the Secretary, the Treasurer of this
Mint, sends to Mr. Commack the Treasurer of
your Mint, an invoice of ten rolls of cents,
of the value of \$1,000. This small amount
is sent as an experiment on the practicality
and advantages of the ~~plan~~ ^{plan}. I hope that
no difficulty will be made, by Mr. Commack
or yourself, as to this first step, and that you
will communicate to me fully and freely as to
its practical operation, and your views with regard
to its continuance.

Wm. C. Kennedy, Esq.
Dep. Sec. Mint,
New Orleans.

P. M. P.

Dr.

Mint Mail

Dec. 2d, 1842

Sir,

I send enclosed a bill of lading ^{to invoice} of ten
casks of cents, of the ~~high~~ value of \$1500, which
our Treasurer, Major Isaac Rosch, places in your
hands, for ~~distribution~~ ^{to be exchanged for}
their legal equivalent in other money.

I have communicated to the Superintendent,
the terms, as approved by the Secretary
of the Treasury, on which this transfer is made.
They are as follows:

1st. "That the bags of cents shall, from time to
time, be sent from here to the Branch Mint at
New Orleans, and placed in the hands of the Treas-
urer of that Branch for distribution."

2d. "That the Treasurer of that Branch Mint
be considered as the Agent of the Treasury of
this Mint in the business."

3d. "That the expenses of transporting the
cents, including insurance if deemed expedient,
be paid by this Mint."

4th. "That the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch
Mint, in his capacity of agent, shall account with
the Treasurer of this Mint, who will of course ac-
count with the Department, for this as for all other
coin transactions."

You will see, by my letter to Mr. Kennedy,
that I had proposed a commission to be given to
you for your agency in the business, but that it
was objected to by the Secretary. If it be found
that the plan is worth our continued attention,
and that the distribution of coffee will for the
Valley of the Mississippi is likely to become an
entirely new business, I will gladly ^{again propose} ~~offer~~ the
proposed ^{allowance of} a commission. ^{in the mean while,}
you will please to look after the ^{small} ~~small~~ ^{invoiced} ~~invoiced~~
part, as an experiment, by which ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{may} ~~may~~
form some notion of the operation of the scheme,
with regard to which I shall be glad to re-
ceive a free communication of your views.

We have paid the freight and insurance on
the invoice. All ^{future} ~~future~~ ^{any} ~~any expenses ^{arising} ~~arising~~
incurred by you in the transaction of the business
will be allowed in your account.~~

R. M. P.

Director.

H. C. McCormack, Esq.
Treasury of Bank of New York
New York.

2. In 1837 we required a coffee invoice of \$55,583,
in 1838 of \$63,702. ^{to find that} ~~to find that~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{regions} ~~regions~~
are now undrained, ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{require} ~~require~~ equal amounts.~~

P.S. - Dec. 3. I have just recd. your letter of the
22nd ult.

You have recd. my acknowledgments of the remittance
of \$500, - all of which is already paid away. The annual
allowance in February will put us in funds to some amount,
if you are not able to supply us in the mean while.

I am vexed at the report regarding the acid sent
from here. We have also found reason to complain
of a deterioration in this article. The soil shall be re-
mended, or a new house employed. Mr. Manning
will see to the matter without delay.

Your public deposits ought to be increased.
This is the true remedy for your delays of coinage, - or
rather of returns to depositors. We are laboring under the
same difficulty, though, in consequence of our greater
press, not to the same extent. R. M. P.

I will thank Dr. Riddell to inform me whether his
Nitric Acid contains any Sulphuric Acid in it.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Nov. 30. 1842

Sir,

I take the liberty, at the request of Mr. Tyler,
of reminding you of the necessity of our having a
supply of dis. for 1843, in time to prepare them
for use by the 1st of January. He also
desires you to send us immediately, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar tail
dis, for fear that those we now have should
not hold out until the end of the year.

You will oblige me by procuring for the Minting
Department, with as little delay as practicable,
two dozen glass matrices for punting, and
six large separating pans.

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philad^a

J. A. C. Stewart
J. M. McKim
Sup.

(Private)

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Nov. 28. 1842.

Dear Sir,

~~Since your visit to the Mint, it has seemed to me that your labors might be most advantageously~~

I thank you for sending me, from time to time, a New Orleans paper, & I now make you a general acknowledgment for numerous favors of this kind. I am particularly pleased when information is communicated to me regarding the Philad^a Mint & its doings.

This morning I have rec^d. from you the Commercial Bulletin of the 18th, which presents, (in the form of an editorial,) an ingenious parallel between the Philad^a Mint & your Mint at New Orleans. As I have constantly done every thing in my power to advance the interests & the efficiency of your establishment, I am not unwilling that even this representation shall do you benefit with the public; but the author of it can hardly expect that it will mystify such as are behind the scenes.

As for example. The comparison between the operations of the first year of the New Orleans Mint, & the first year of the Philad^a Mint, is absurd. Exceedingly imperfect machinery, worked by man & horse power, was put up in what had been a small private residence, & this was "the Mint of the U. S." The population & commerce of the country were very limited. The annual expenditure

for the Mint was a mere begatelle. The New Orleans Branch, on the other hand, is on the scale of the present Mint at Philadelphia, - &c. &c.

The writer ^{admits} the falling off of the coinage in 1841 to the necessity of ^{relieving} the press, and says that the narrowness of the appropriations had diminished the work this year by causing a suspension of the operations. He forgets to state that the operations have been suspended every year, & that the epidemic scourge of New Orleans has been the true & sufficient cause of these suspensions.

He speaks of the Philadelphia Mint having twice the number of workmen. He forgets to mention that the wages of a hand at New Orleans are nearly double.

He speaks of this Mint having Engravers(?) and an artist who makes Calans. He might have stated that our Engraver does more work for the Branches ~~Mint~~ than for the Parent Mint, & that the principal employment of the Mechanicians in question is also upon the dies used for coining in the Branches, as well as here.

The remainder of the article is fair enough. The present flow of specie to New Orleans has increased the amount of your deposits, & I regret, as sincerely as you do, that you are cramped as to your means for prompt coinage.

I have in the whole experience of my life, private & public, never known any policy so efficient as candor, any argument so successful as truth. The New Orleans Mint has my strong appeals to make for its contin-

uance & liberal support, & I am firm in the belief that it will be sustained. But the article of the Bulletin is, to say the least, injudicious.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

A. C. Cammack, Esq.,

Albany, N.Y.
Nov. 28/42.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 25th inst., with a bill, properly accepted, for 42 boxes of copper planchets, amounting to \$3566.08.

Our book-keeper suggests that this bill be divided, and that you make out two new ones, with separate receipts, — the first for 7 boxes of 392 lbs each, —

9 " 240 " and the other for the balance.
Upon receipt of which, that ^{received this morning} ~~received this morning~~ will be accounted for.
The reason for this suggestion is, that it will enable us to make an earlier remittance to New York.

What will you charge for planchets, payable in gold & silver, or their equivalents, — and payment to be delayed for such reasonable time as will enable us to make sale of the cents, either here or at New Orleans? I know that this last condition is very indefinite, but I it is not in my power to present it differently. I think that a very considerable business of this kind may now be done at New Orleans.

Wm. Crocker, Pres. & Co.,
Saco, Me.

R. M. P.

Dear Sir

I have addressed you so often lately that I am afraid you will consider me troublesome.

Spice continues to arrive here in quantities today about 400 000 dollars came in most of it in gold.

A deposit of 20000 £ in French & English gold coins was made for coinage today.

The gold that comes here from the north has been purchased there by weight. Sovereigns at 94⁸/₁₀ per dwl and when deposited for coinage does not produce so much. This has caused some inquiry on the part of persons who have been receiving gold.

I have answered that the gold coins of England are not worth 94⁸/₁₀ £ per dwl as mentioned by the law of the U. S. because they are not 22 Carats fine.

I am not sure that I am right - but will be obliged if you will inform me. How is it that 84 has been fixed as the value of the sovereign? I suppose because at a price of 915.5 that is the amount they produced.

I am very sincerely
Yours most obedt
Abraham

To Mr. M. Patterson

Went Mass

Nov. 25/49.

Gentlemen,

We are anxious to receive the ten
tons of planishets called for by my last
order. There is a prospect of a new source
of distribution for copper coins at Stockholm, when
I propose to send one of the above orders. If it
succeed, as I anticipate, we shall probably require a
much larger supply ^{of planishets} from you than heretofore, and
on ~~other~~ terms different from those on which you are
at present furnishing them, and probably more acceptable to you.

I have to say that you will be particularly in-
terested in the quality of your legs. The last that we
received were made of green wood, and had the
knees so much that the hoops on which,
and indeed many of them had fallen off and
were lost, before the legs came to the office.

R.M.P.

Dear

To
Messrs. Crocker, Brewster & Co.,
Salem, Mass.

New Orleans November 23. 1842

Sir

It seems that I have misinformed you as to the allowance made to the M & A. on South American doubloons deposited for coinage and delivered to him at an assumed title or else you have misunderstood what I have written. The allowance made was 93 ounces on 8137 ounces. and on others in proportion. I cannot find any copy of the memo which I furnished you at the time I consulted you on the subject.

Today we have received one deposit of 131,000 from the Bank of Louisiana in gold and hope we shall be able to coin all that we have now in the mint at least before the close of the year.

Do you think it possible to induce the Secretary of the Treasury to increase our deposit account for the purchase of bullion?

I am very sincerely yours
H. B. Hammett

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Albion N.Y.

Nov. 23 / 42.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a draft from the Bank of Louisiana on the Merchants Bank of New York, for five hundred dollars, sent in your letter of the 13th inst., and endorsed to my order, the amount of which will be placed to the credit of your account current here, as you desire.

I am glad to find that your deposits and coinage have so much increased, and that you are now doing so respectable a business. The pecuniary embarrassments, of which you so much complain, were anticipated by me, as you know. I will take every exertion to have your next year's appropriations made as early as possible. Indeed we have a good security against great delay in the circumstances that the approaching session of Congress is the shortest ever.

As you have, before this time, the "Manual of Coins" by our last agent, and you will there find all the information you desire with regard to foreign coins.

I regret to hear of Mr. Tyler's illness. It is a time when the services of so valuable an officer can be

ill spared. Hope sincerely that he will ere long
be soon released from this evil.

P. M. P.

W. H. C. Cavanaugh Esq.
Attorney at Law
New Orleans.

Mint N.Y.
Nov. 23 /49

Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
monthly report for September, and to express my
pleasure at observing the marked increase in
the amount of your deposits.

All orders for the scribbles I will have
left here.

The divs for 1849, mounted for your atty,
are ordered, and will be sent to you as to
much you, I hope, before the commencement
of the year.

P.M.P.

To Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Court,
New Orleans.

New Orleans November 22. 1842

Sir

I addressed you a few days ago and enclosed a Bank Cheque for \$500. in account of the contingent fund. I have now the pleasure to send receipt of your letter of the 18th which I got the other day.

Exchange was at 5% discount. The Bulletin news paper was in error, no very uncommon thing, in the quotations of Bank notes.

I am rejoiced that the weights are coming. Part of the acid has arrived and it has been pronounced by Dr. Riddell as very inferior in quality. Barely capable of being used at all. I am truly sorry for this we want it much. Gold is pressing on us but some how or other we cannot get on with speed. The miner who has been quite sick came out today and delivered me \$42,500 in gold, making, since our resumption, \$55,500 gold and 53,000 silver that has been delivered to me. The Bank of Louisiana has now on deposit \$1,000,000 in specie and the Mechanics & Traders Bank 1,000,000 about one half of which is in foreign coins every dollar of which will be deposited as fast as we can coin it. In the former Bank about 300,000 is in gold principally French and English. but part of it South American which will require separating.

Can you suggest any plan by which we can be kept supplied with acid of a good quality? For some which we purchased here we paid 37 1/2¢. - and I hope the person who sent the last from Philadelphia will

dummy advisable, to save his reputation, to send out some
10 Carboys of a good article. It will be wanted here &
they and may prevent us from being stopped again.

Our Banks have nearly all resumed. The period
fixed for resumption is 5th proximo. but some of them
have anticipated it. Others it is supposed will go into
liquidation, being too weak to conform to the law.

I thank you for the information respecting the
allowance for loss in weight in coins not melted for
assay. I have always believed that too much
has been allowed here.

The last melt of Mexican
dollars made (30000 \$ from the Mechanics Bank)
came out 898. fine. which gratified me very much.
Uncle Tyler is very sick - and I fear will
not last long.

I write in haste, and beg of you to
excuse my incoherent style

Remain

truly yours

J. B. Hamner

To Dr. Patterson

Treasury Department.
Nov^r. 17. 1842.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst in relation to the transfer of Copper Coins from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Branch Mint at N. Orleans has been received and I see no objection to the course suggested by you unless it be in the allowance of a Commission to the Treasurer of Branch at N. Orleans. I would therefore propose that the arrangement be carried out with that exception.

I remain very Resp^{ly}

W. Forward
Secy of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Nov^r 14, 1842

Sir,

I find, upon a reexamination, that
the $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar Dis lately received, consist
of two tails, instead of one pair, as stated
in my letter to you of the 8th instant.

Very respectfully,

J. J. Kennedy

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philad^a

Srps.

Received of the
Branch of the
Treasury Office
Nov 13. 1842

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasury Office Nov 13. 1842

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of the 31 ultimo, and note the contents.
I enclose a cheque of the Bank of Louisiana
on the Merchants Bank of New York for \$500. which
please place to my credit in account current
with you.

With much respect
Yours most obly
H. Cammack
Tr

D. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

The ship has arrived. Mr Tyler has been quite sick for
three days. A rather better this morning.

Albion N.Y.
Nov. 8, 1844.

Sir, —

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. — As all the coins are received by you this year are still in your possession, and as none are missing from this Mint, I must infer that some counterfeiters are among us, of superlative skill, for, except the milling, I have not met with so perfect an imitation of our coins as that to which I allude in my letter of the 5th ult.

The counterfeit quarter-dollar sent by you is by no means calculated to excite apprehension. It is defective in all the "Sewall's tests," — weight, feel, color, hardness, ring, — and it is evidently a casting, probably of an alloy of tin and lead.

The three packages of coins, sent by you for the annual assay, have come safely to hand.

Your letter of the 29th ult. calls my attention to Mr. Wm. M. Tyler's counting-machine, and asks my approval of a change made for its use. I think it quite just that ~~Mr. Tyler~~ ^{any} ~~answering~~ ^{answering} that ~~Mr. Tyler~~ ^{any} should receive a pecuniary advantage from this important machine, and ~~that~~ ^{it is just that he should} which, during the past year for small coins, saved so much labor and expense at your Mint. I do not, therefore, object to the bill which he has rendered, but

according to careful experiments made by us
here as to the expense of counting dimes and
half dimes, I came to the conclusion that ~~it was~~
was a fair charge for counting ^{ten thousand} pieces,
and I would advise that such be your tariff
for the future. You will observe that the bill
includes only the use of the machine. As, by
the ^{use of} ~~aid of~~ the operator, Mr. Tyler can count
30,000 pieces per hour, the compensation will be
liberal, without also paying wages. If the count-
ing be done by workmen of the mint, and dur-
ing working hours, you can easily make a tariff
for the use of the machine. Supposing the labor
of counting 30,000 pieces to cost you \$10 cents, -
which is ^{the truth according} ~~very near~~ to Mr. Tyler's estimate ^{of the time}, the
fair saving by the use of the machine would
be 3 cents per thousand pieces.

I observed it announced in the newspapers, that
Dr. Riddell is ~~making~~ "occupied in making expe-
riments on alloys for small coins," and "proposes to coin
a 2-cent piece of a composition or alloy of silver and
copper." Dr. Riddell must feel mortified to
find himself set forth as making improvements
in a matter so thoroughly understood as coins of
billon, which have been used in some parts of Europe
for ages. In the Session of 1835-6, the introduc-
tion of ~~coins~~ such coins was proposed in Congress, and
specimens of 2-cent pieces ~~of~~ ^{and other proportions} were made of the
French billon standard of 200 parts.

It is, in my judgment, a very objectionable coinage,
and I so convinced the Committee of Congress,
the project was abandoned.

R. M. P.

De

W. H. Kennedy, Esq.

Sup. Br. Mint,

West Hill.

Unofficial.

New Orleans November 5th 1842.

Dear Sir

I addressed you a few days ago and gave you mem^o of the deposits that have been made for coinage in the mint. I find that we are ^{partly} stopped in our gold operations by the want of acids; Dr. Richardson requires, I believe, two Carboys for about every 2000 oz of 24 Am^r doubloons. I hope sincerely you have some on the way for us on the best terms to be had. There is none to be had in the city. In fact it comes here on sale in only ~~in~~ very small quantities. Unless we get some soon I fear we shall tire our depositors and prevent them from confiding in us again. It is much to be regretted that this acid was not thought of long ago.

We are terribly annoyed by the want of funds - thousands of dollars to pay bills and current expenses. I have asked, some time past, for \$5000 for that purpose but have got nothing yet.

The Register of the Treasury advised me under date of 24th ultimo that our balances were, undrawn, as follows.

Salaries of officers	6630.70
Compensation to Laborers	2820.-
Wastage of Gold & Contingents	16,276.69
Building & Machinery	172.87
	<hr/> \$ 25,900.26

which according to my understanding of the new form, or new heads of appropriation, are as follows

follows say.

Salaries	6630.70
Labor	2820..
Coinage expenses	9052.
House expenses	3598.
Office	350
Contingencies	3276.69
Building & M.	172.87
	<u>\$ 25,900.26</u>

The amount of contingencies has been made by the payment into the Treasury of the United States the debt due by Mr. Fort Calles to the Mint - and which I have been directed to take out of that fund through the use of profit & loss.

I asked sometime ago for \$4000 from the appropriations for coinage - say - 4000

House - - - - 2000

and this day I have applied for the following to pay expenses for this quarter

Salaries	3225.
Wages	2820
Coinage	5052
House	1598
Office	350
Contingencies	3276.69
Building & M.	172.87

The two making together \$ 22,494.56

This makes a clear sweep except for salaries - and we cannot do with left. The sum for wages will be much too small. Out of the fund for contingencies there must be paid - Accounts now due \$6000 - balance of \$4000 - which will leave left than \$2000 to pay the current ^{con.} expenses of the quarter.

I have written thus fully to you to show the necessity of an early appropriation by Congress for the Mint. We have now near \$200,000 of deposited for coinage and other large amounts remain, waiting until we can coin apart of this - before they are sent in. The Bank of Louisiana has \$100,000 in gold, but as we have already \$280,000 from her she wishes to get payment for apart before making a further deposit so as not to increase the amount.

It seems to me that you should be fully aware of our position here. It would be a serious matter to our Banks and in fact to the whole community for us to be ~~compelled~~ interrupted in our operations with such a large sum unpaid. Our present appropriations will not pay expenses after January.

I will be glad to hear from you with any suggestions at any time that you may think proper to make.

Very respectfully

Yours most truly

Wm. A. Hammond

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans, Nov 8. 1842

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a
pair of Eagles, 2 p.^r 1/2 dollar, 1 d. 1/4 dollar,
and two p.^r of dime, &c., and enclose a state-
ment of our operations during the last month.
I have also to request, that you will furnish
us with dics for 1843, of all the denominations,
long enough before the 1st day of January,
to enable us to get them ready for use,
of that period.

very respectfully

W. A. L.

J. M. Starnes

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of October 1842.

Description of Bullion	Deposits						Coinage.			
	Gross Weight		Standard Weight	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	Total Value before deductions	Denomination	Number Pieces	Total Value
	Ounces	Grains		Dollars	Cts					
<i>Sold.</i>										
Foreign Coins	7657	97	7427	561	138.18	722	138.18	722		
Foreign Bullion	503	65	71	609	1332	22	1332	22		
U. States Bullion	39	82	42	695	794	32	794	32		
							1403	13	76	
<i>Silver.</i>										
Foreign Coins	12153	15	12112	62	1409	51	02	1409	51	02
Foreign Bullion	2342	20	2426	72	2823	54	2795	19		
							143	75	486	
										52,111 00
							Total Deposits			1284,068 62
									Total Coinage	52,111 00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office October 31st 1842.
S. C. Hammond

Treasury Department

Nov 5th 1862

Sir:

I have received this morning a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans dated the 27th ult^o, requesting me to forward the box transmitted by the mail which carries this to you.

The Superintendent in his letter mentions his intention to send hither by you on the two following days, two packages containing coins for the annual assay, which when received will be immediately forwarded.

I am, Sir,

very respectfully
Yours &c

M. C. Young
Acting Secy of Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila

(Unofficial)

Mount Vernon
Nov. 8th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 23d ult.
I am embarrassed to understand how it can
happen that ^{an} "unexceptionable" New York funds should be
at 8 per cent. discount at New Orleans, especially as I
see New York Bank notes quoted at par in the New
Orleans Commercial Bulletin of the 25th ult., which you
were so kind as to send me.

I anticipated ~~em~~ difficulty from your limited
appropriations for the current year, nothing but
the most rigid economy could carry you through
Aids, eagle-drs, and might have all been
sent to you, and are, ^{daily} ~~in~~ ^{received} ~~by~~
before this time.

I am glad to find that a disposition is
shown in New Orleans to introduce coffee.

In my letter to you of the 21st ult., I told
you that I would send you, in ^{about} two weeks, two
bags of cents, to be sold distributed by you at
the Mint. The matter is not without some
difficulty, for it is doubtful whether, under
the law, we have the right to pass out our
coffee coins from the Mint, without receiving,
at the time, their legal equivalent in other
money. The Secretary of the Treasury is

about from Washington at present; but, as soon
as he returns, I will lay the matter before him.
When a thing ought to be done, some means
of effecting it can generally be found.

In your letter of the 26th ult., you make men-
tion of the course pursued by the Assayer, the Muller,
and yourself, with regard to a large deposit of
Spanish gold coins. As to estimated price,
well, you will get some information in the
"Manual" published by Messrs. (Dulac & Co.)
London, may be assumed at 915 p. 100. Popayan
& the coins of Louis XVIII at 899; but new French
gold, (and such seems to be your deposit,) runs
at 908, and is so received by us. Doubtless
are too variable to be estimated safely with-
out melting, and it is accordingly our practice
to melt them all into bars before assaying.
I may mention, however, that Popayan gold averages
from 868 to 870.

I have been surprised at a loss of .93
on 300 on melting South American doubloons.
I have looked over our three latest melts, and
find the loss on 308 = .09, on 250 = .07, on 194 =
.04, — corresponding to .088, .084, and .082, or to
an average of .078 or 300 is, instead 1900 as al-
located by you to the Standard.

H. C. (Goswami, Jr.)
H. C. (Goswami, Jr.)
H. C. (Goswami, Jr.)

R. M. P.

~~P. S.~~ I have
under the
P. S. I have
found that you have estimated S. Am.
doubloons too low. I have looked over our last assays
of these coins, and find them as follows: 870.5, 870, 870,
870, 870, 870, 870, 870, 869, 870, 870, 870, 870,
869, 869, 871, 869; of which the average is 869.88.
These do not include, however, any Popayan doubloons.

In answer to a question in your letter, which
I find I had overlooked, I have to state that
Mexican dollars of 1841 & 42 are received by us
at 899 A. 100, and some of them are under standard.
Those of '39 & 40, at 898. Those of 1838 and prece-
dents, (not regarding a few of later date,) at 897.

I send enclosed the draft of George Lewis,
mentioned in my letter of 3rd ult., which you
will please to collect for me, at a suitable time.

Albion, N. H.
Ph. Nov. 14 / 44.

Dear Sir,

In the letter from the Postmaster at New
Albion transmitting the supposed counterfeit quarter
to dollar to which you called my attention, it
is stated that another counterfeit of the same kind
had been given by him to ~~Dr. H. H. H.~~ the Master
& Refiner of the New Albion Branch Office. This
specimen has been sent to me by the Superinten-
dent, and was received this morning. I take the
liberty of submitting it to your inspection, and you
will see that it is very different from the other, and
by no means calculated to excite much apprehension.
It is deficient in all the "sensible tests,"—the feel,
the weight, the color, ^{the texture} the ring. It is evidently a
casting,—probably in a plaster moulds—of a soft
alloy, apparently composed of tin and lead. No
one possessed of the least sagacity could be de-
ceived by it.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful Servant
W. M. P.

J. John Tyler
President of the
United States.

Mint U. S.
Nov. 3 / 42.

Sir,

I am looking, with some anxiety, for your answer to my letter of the 5th ult. respecting the counterfeit coins which had so much the appearance of being struck with Mint dies as to make it necessary to see whether any such dies were missing at either of the Mints.

I had sent to me yesterday, from the highest authority at Washington, two quarter dollar pieces bearing your Mint mark, and of perfect identity of manufacture, one of which had been pronounced at Philadelphia to be spurious. I was happily enabled to relieve anxiety and suspicion by pronouncing them both to be legitimate. The test which upon which excited the alarm was that the doubtful piece would not ring; but a split perfectly visible at the edge satisfactorily accounted for this defect. I have to state to you, however, that the suspected coin was really not within the legal limits of standard, as it proved to be 90 1/2 M, full. The other was 90 1/4. I need not say that this excess of fineness ought to be as carefully avoided as a deficiency.

Having that I have not yet received
the receipt of your letter of the 9th ult., explaining
what was the reason which induced you to
employ four hands, on full wages, during the
suspension of operations; and also presenting
your estimates for the eighteen months following
the 1st of Jan. next.

The following dis have been sent to you,
through the Treasury Department, in four successive
installments: viz. Oct 22, 1 per eagle dis & Oct 22,
Apr

" 24	"	half dollar "
" 25	"	divine "
" 26	"	2 half dollar "
" 26	"	1 per dollar "
" 26	"	divine "

M. M. P.

Dr.

Wm. H. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. at New Orleans.
New Orleans.

unofficial

New Orleans November 3, 1842

Dear Sir

The deposits in the Mint have been since we resumed, as follows

Gold	in October	\$ 140,313.76	
	November	56,850.-	
			= 197,163.76
Silver	October	143,754.86	
	November	120,000.-	
			= 263,754.86
			<u>460,918.62</u>

Of which we have coined and paid about 50,000 \$ in silver. Most of the gold has been deposited within the past two weeks, and a large quantities of it arriving every day we shall have for some time as much fil as we can work. The Bank of Louisiana has had 40,000 in French gold and 20,000 in English wh we will get immediately. So that our coinage for this and the next month ought to amount to enough to make that of the year most respectable.

We are very much inconvenienced & retarded in working gold for the want of acids. a considerable amount of South American doubloons are deposited which require to be separated and we cannot buy acid here.

At foot I make a memorandum

of the value of doubloons of different kinds, as that is
the amount the different kinds will produce at the
mint. please to do me the favor to inform me if it
is correct. I am frequently applied to to know the
value of foreign coins, and I desire to give a
correct information.

I am with much respect
and consideration

Your alt. servant

H. C. Mammack

To Dr. Amputation

Value of Doubloons

South American - Bogota -	\$15.61
do - Popayana	15.39
Spain	15.53
Mexico	15.53
New Granada of 1837 & 1838	15.62
Bolivian	15.61
Peru	15.57
Chili	15.57
Central American	14.89
La Plata	14.62
Do - some	15.57

please let me know by what vessel the weights
are coming. I have sent you some newspapers lately.

Friend Mr. C.

Philadelphia, Oct. 21, 1842.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 14th inst. on the subject of copper coins. I propose, in the first instance, to make an experiment with you upon a small scale, and will send you, in about two weeks, ten bags of cents, of \$100 each. They will be delivered at your client, at our charge, and will be sold there at their liquid value, on sending them, I will present my ^{receipt} ~~receipt~~ to the agents to make in detail.

A workman from this client, named George Lewis, left here for Charleston, in the ship *Champion*, on the 23d inst., to enter you into Dr. Kiddell's service, in the Milling Department. — On his leaving, I advanced him ten dollars, for which I have his note, to be paid out of his wages ~~with~~ at your client, and I beg you therefore to withhold this amount when it shall accrue.

He also took the liberty of drawing on ~~with~~ order on me for \$10.50, in favor of Robert C. Crispin to be "paid against his first month's wages." This I have of course refused to accept, but if he sends me the amount, as he ought to do, I will see that it be paid.

Crispin. It is paid to Crispin.

Write thank you to tell him that I have just
had a visit from a woman named Eliza A.
Fisher, who has a claim upon him, as she says,
for \$30.25, of which \$25.25 was money
lent to him. Her case, as she represents it, is
a very hard one, and, if true, he is bound, as
the honest man, to pay her as early a day
as possible. ~~His high duty~~ to execute the most
pinching economy, until he can save enough
to pay his just debts. — I know that these
matters are extra-official with us both, but I
am sure we have enough of the spirit due to
to prompt us to interfere where the character of the
most honorable member of the Mint establish-
ment is involved.

R.M.P.

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W

H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treasury of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. — In my account current sent to you
on the 13th July last the balance to my credit
was stated to be \$56.31. I have since paid
the enclosed bill of insurance, of \$13., so that the
deficiency in your account ~~now~~ amounts, Sept. 30th,
to \$69.31. This amount added to outstanding bills
against your mint will make near \$500, ~~and~~
~~to request~~ ^{to request} ^{that you will} ^{procure that a} ^{supply} ^{of funds} ^{is} ^{much} ^{needed.}

Ten Onlays Nitric Acid were sent by the Ship
Vino, for which four boxes of weights, shipped by
another vessel, bills of lading will be forwarded. Among
the weights you will find (in the small box) 3 standards,
which have been accurately adjusted according to your
request. They should be handled with the greatest care.
The delay in sending these weights was unavoidable, owing
to Mr. Searles being absent from the city.

We had enclosed a key which belongs to one of the
boxes of weights, which was forgotten at the time of
closing the Cases.)

George Lewis will deliver to you three copies of
the "Manual of Coins, &c.", one of which has been bound
for the use of your Mint, as you requested.

Your request to have the boxes which hold your weights
filled with king's rollers was not forgotten; but it was
not done, because it was thought they would carry more
safely as they are, & that this improvement could be readily
made at New Orleans.

Oct 29. 1842

" Agreeable to the proposition made to you some
 " Months since, I have continued the counting machine
 " belonging to W. M. Tyler, in use, for which I have made
 " the bill at 40^{cts} per 10,000 pieces, subject however
 " to the approval of the Directors as proposed.

12 1/2 756 Coma -

To Mr. Tyler

" Dec 31. " " " " 1877 500 "

Jan 31 1842	-	112.500
		150.000

[illegible][illegible]

120,000 lbs

[illegible]

April 30, " , -*160.000*

[illegible]

... .. - 30.00

[illegible][illegible]

Whole number of pieces - 3. 16). 500

At 40 cts per 10,000 pieces — \$126.30. "

I do not, for my own part, think that the

Value of the "Counting Machine" has been at
all over estimated. As, however, its utility has
been tested in the Mint at Philadelphia, I
shall add nothing more than how happy I would
be, that you would sanction the payment
of Mr. Tyler's bill -

Very respectfully

Yr obed Serv^t

R. B. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

J. M. McKim Esq

Sup^r

Philadelphia -

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Oct 28. 1842

Sir,

The statements here enclosed of coin contained
in packages Nos 2 & 3, together with that forwarded
to you in my letter of the 26.th instant, show
all the assay pieces reserved from deliveries made
at this Mint in 1842, up to the period of our
late suspension.

I omitted, in the letter above refer'd
to, to mention a circumstance, which goes to
corroborate the opinion therein express'd,
that the counterfeit in question were moulded.
There was a defect in one of the edges of
the dime shown me by Mr. Tyler, indica-
-ting, he thinks, that during the pouring of
the metal, the mould must have become
displaced.

H. M. Patterson Esq^r
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philad^a

Very respectfully,
J. C. O'Connell

J. C. O'Connell

J. C. O'Connell

private

New Orleans October 26th 1842

Sir

Two deposits of Gold have been made at the Mint as follow.

By the Bank of Louisiana

3613 So. American doubloons.

1464 Mexican doubloons.

3627½ Sovereigns

1398 20 franc pieces principally 1842

21. mixed coins

The whole weighing 5631½ ounces.

By the Union Bank

1468. South American doubloons.

532. Mexican doubloons.

weighing 1736.90

The whole of which was delivered by me yesterday to the M. & N. to be melted for assay. It was however agreed by the assayer that ^{the bulk of} part of it could be assayed at these rates - say

Mexican doubloons at 800 fine

Sovereigns 915.5

French Gold 899.

The So. Am. doubloons were weighed in boxes or parcels and after they were taken into the Melting department 20 doubloons, taken from each box, were melted into a bar to be assayed to fix the title of the whole. I have objected to this mode of getting a title first because I do not

know

if I am authorized to get a title in this way, in gold deposits, made secondly and principally because I was not present when the selection was made of the parcel to be melted.

The assays however have been made, and the report of the melt from the deposit by the Union Bank is 866. Of the other, one bar is 861 and the other 862. ^{These} not being satisfactory Dr. ^{Holt} and myself have selected, in the weigh room, in equal quantities as far as we could judge by Richards rule, 600 ounces, which has been melted and will be assayed in the morning and I will note at bottom the title found by the assayer. I will report also the allowances made for loss in melting. That you may advise me if it is as large as that allowed in Philadelphia.

We are anxiously looking for Eagle dies. have only one pair, for 1841, in the mint and they are cracked. The gr. dollar press is broken or injured in some way and cannot be used.

I have seen the Cashier of the Bank of Louisiana, today and he has promised to send me another hundred thousand dollars tomorrow or next day, in Mexican dollars. The bill of last hundred thousand dollars was found to be 897 which was very satisfactory. I will be glad to know title of Mexican dollars with you.

I am yours with great
respect & consideration
H. C. Hammond

Wm. R. Patterson

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P. S.
The gold assay to day has been reported 865. —
The 600 ounces lost no thing by melting.

Dr. Riddell wishes an allowance for loss by melting, and I have agreed to allow it as it seems large, as follows.

On the S. Anna doubloons '9 in every 300 ounces,
on the Mexican doubloons '6 in every 300 oz, on the average,
12 on the same. Making on the French gold - it is
new.

Post Office
Mint of the U.S.

Oct. 26, 1842.

Sir,

I send by to-day's mail the fourth
& last box of dies for the Pr. Mint at New-
Orleans, noticed in my letter of the 24th.

Understanding that complaints are
made at the Post Office Department of
the weight of these boxes, we shall in fu-
ture send them in smaller packages.

R. M. P.

De

To Mr. Walter Hemenway, }
Secy of Treas. }

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
Oct 26. 1842

Sir,

All the dime dies, &c. by us this year, are now in the possession of the Comr, and all those of every denomination, when not in use, are kept in his Vault. With that part of your last letter, upon the subject of the Counterfeit, discovered in the Mint in Philadelphia, which requests me to send you, a dime made with each of the Collars used by us in 1842, I regret my inability to comply. All the Coins of that denomination, in the Mint, at the time of its receipt amounting to about \$1000. were in the hands of Mr. Tyler himself, and in one parcel. I have therefore concluded, as the best means of meeting your desire, to anticipate the period at which I generally send on the Coins reserved for Assay. The first set will accordingly go to the Treasury Department by this day's mail, to be enclosed to you, under the Secretary's pack.

The balance, up to the time of the Suspension,
I will forward, in the same way, to Monday and
next day. You will find therein contained
dimes made with all the collars that have been
in use this year. Should you prefer having
those collars, themselves, I can send them to you.
I have never seen but one counterfeit dime
which was shown to me some months ago by
Mr. Tyler, who has now lost it, and one for collars
etc. by J. Riddell at the Post Office, which
you will find in this ^{letter} - The o was also
upon the dime, which was marked 1841, and
the metal thereof was the same as that of
the coin enclosed.

It is the opinion of all our officers
here, that these counterfeit were moulded,
and that the moulds must have been made
by taking impressions from the coins themselves.

I am very respectfully

H. M. Patterson Esq,

Director of the
Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia

Your obed^t. servant

J. McKim

Secy.

Statement of Coffey Coins contained in Package No. 1.

January 19.	12. 1/2 coins - 8 coins - 2 1/2 dollars -	\$ 1.90
25.	11 " 10 " 1 " 3 1/2 dollars	2.95
February 17.	20 " 11 "	3.00
" 23.	28 " 11 " 11 "	12.55
March 11.	20 "	2.00
" 14.	20 "	2.00
" 31.	31 " 7 " 9 "	9.25
April 5.	14 "	1.40
" 19.	12 "	1.20
" 21.	8 "	.80
" 22.	8 " 5 " 13 "	8.55
May 18.	10 " 6 " 5 "	5.00
" 26.	20 "	2.00
		<u>\$ 52.60</u>

Statement of Expenses Contained in Package No. 2.

[illegible]

Statement of Offsay Coins contained in Package N^o 3.

1842		^{12.} Cents	^{10.} Cents	^{10.} Dollars	^{10.} Dollars	^{10.} Eggs	^{10.} Eggs	^{10.} Eggs	Value
Jan'y	28				4			8	2 5
Feb'y	4		10		8				5 5
	19		18						1 50
March	2			2					50
	22				3				1 50
	29					3			7 50
	30			8	2				3 00
April	15							1	10 00
	30						2		10 5
May	15			5	5				3 75
	17				4				2 5
	20			12	6				6 5
	21			5	6				4 25
	30						1		5 5
June	11						6	1	40 5
	16				4		1		7 5
	30						2		10 5
July	18		14				1		6 40
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New Orleans.

Assay coins contained in package No. 11
 1842. $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar - 1/2 dollar - Quarters - 1/4 dollar - Coppers - 1/2 Coppers - 1/4 Coppers - 1/8 Coppers - 1/16 Coppers - 1/32 Coppers - 1/64 Coppers - 1/128 Coppers - 1/256 Coppers - 1/512 Coppers - 1/1024 Coppers - 1/2048 Coppers - 1/4096 Coppers - 1/8192 Coppers - 1/16384 Coppers - 1/32768 Coppers - 1/65536 Coppers - 1/131072 Coppers - 1/262144 Coppers - 1/524288 Coppers - 1/1048576 Coppers - 1/2097152 Coppers - 1/4194304 Coppers - 1/8388608 Coppers - 1/16777216 Coppers - 1/33554432 Coppers - 1/67108864 Coppers - 1/134217728 Coppers - 1/268435456 Coppers - 1/536870912 Coppers - 1/1073741824 Coppers - 1/2147483648 Coppers - 1/4294967296 Coppers - 1/8589934592 Coppers - 1/17179869184 Coppers - 1/34359738368 Coppers - 1/68719476736 Coppers - 1/137438953472 Coppers - 1/274877906944 Coppers - 1/549755813888 Coppers - 1/1099511627776 Coppers - 1/2199023255552 Coppers - 1/4398046511104 Coppers - 1/8796093022208 Coppers - 1/17592186044416 Coppers - 1/35184372088832 Coppers - 1/70368744177664 Coppers - 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Mint of the United States,
Oct. 24 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty to send to you, by the
present mail, a box of dies directed on the
inner envelope to the Superintendent of the
Branch Mint at New Orleans, ^{which, with an ~~envelope~~ ~~of postage~~ ~~paid~~, I pray you} & I pray you
to forward ~~it~~ under your frank, as usual. Two
more boxes for the same mint will be sent by the next mail.
Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,

To/

Wm. Walter Foran,
Secretary of Treasury.

Unofficial

New Orleans 23 October 1842

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Sir

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since my return from the north.

I have to day sent off my accounts for ordinary expenses. The last assistance I received was by a cheque or draft on New York and I have been compelled to pay in the same way. Which has caused a loss to every one of \$70 the same discount as arranged with the Bank of Louisiana.

At the beginning of this month the bank owed on account of contingencies \$200.00 and I have received only \$50.00. This small sum had gone but little way towards paying off. particularly as I have been compelled to keep a part of it to pay for coal and acids for which we could no longer get credit. Yesterday for two Carboys aqua fortis bought at 52 cents we had to pay the money. Before the Clerk would make the delivery. The Superintendent has written for \$500.00 more and I hope soon to have our credit re-established.

The amount of wages paid "Laborers" for the quarter just ended is \$810.00. It is more than I had anticipated and leaves us with a little under \$300.00 to begin this quarter with, and in fact to pay "Laborers" until a new appropriation be made.

I furnished to the Superintendent some little time past a memorandum of expenses for 1840 & 1841. to guide him in making an estimate for which to ask appropriations at next session of Congress.

The expenses of furnaces built when the flues were renewed have increased the contingencies some, and the necessity of having some extra hands in the machine shop has also added to them. The number of "laborers" allowed by law is so small, that much labor has to be paid for out of the contingent fund. -

We have received one large deposit, \$100.00 from the Bank of Louisiana and some few small one from others. -

There is a very large amount of specie arriving in our City from the West, gold and silver, but we can't get as much as we want, but, somehow or other, people seem to be afraid of locking their money up. The Miller & Co. had not been able to work in the mines because he had no ~~seed~~, and the public have been prevented from depositing in consequence. Then we have little or no government fund, and that being in base bullion, we have to work the very billon brought to us before we can make payments. At this time we are without eagle coins - and in fact we have had none since 1841. But we will get on, after we get under way again, much better than we have done heretofore. provided we are not hampered again by the want of money to pay expenses.

Mr Dunning has omitted to send the receipts and I am not satisfied with those I am now using and do not like to take the responsibility of them.

Please to request him to be particular about the standard receipts, which I will keep always locked up, and can then always test those in use.

William Tyler arrived a few days ago.

I am in haste

Your old servant

Horace Gammon

New Orleans October 19. 1842.

Dear Sir

An effort is now making by the keepers
of Cabaret Shops, market people and small dealers
to bring Copper coin into circulation, and several
applications have been made to me to know how
they can be procured from Philadelphia. I
now address you to enquire if a supply can be had
at the Mint and on what terms? If they could
be sent here the parties would very willingly exchange
Mexican dollars for them.

I am very respectfully
your obt servant
H. C. Cammack.

To

D^r R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 13. 1842

Sir,

In my letter of the 9th inst, the sum
supposed by me to have been carried to the
Surplus Fund, from those granted at various
times for our "Contingent & Incidental Expenses"
is greatly overrated. The error occurred
with the Treasurer, who gave me the amount
from memory. It appears, upon examination,
that a little over \$31,000 have been carried
to that fund, composed of undrawn balances
of all the appropriations for the Mint.

Respectfully & obed^t

H. M. Patterson Esq

Servant

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Phil^a

J. M. Ramsey

Sup^t

Minut of the U. S.

Oct. 10, 1842.

Sir,

One of our workmen, Mr. Geo. Lewis, has shown me a letter from Dr. Riddell, in which he promises to employ Lewis in his department if he can bring recommendations from Dr. McClintock or myself. Dr. McClintock has given him a letter, which is, I have no doubt, quite correct. I know that Lewis has always been a willing & industrious hand, & he has had some years of experience, principally however in the silken wig-room. He has been ~~thoroughly~~ & sometimes troubled about his debts, but I know nothing that can touch his character for honesty.

Wm. Doremus, one of Dr. Riddell's workmen, about whom he makes inquiry, is now in bonds, in consequence as I understand, of debts contracted formerly at this place. It appears that he is in debt to the Grand Bank, or that he over-drew the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank. He is at present in the Debtors' Prison, at the suit of the latter Bank, but his lawyer informs me that he will certainly be discharged in a few days. The amount of the debt was but \$61.15.

Mr. Donovan undertook, this summer, the
smelting of jeweller's waste, refusing to obtain the
metal, was ~~seen~~ by his employers, imprisoned
on this ground also. From this affair, however,
he has escaped, his lawyer says that he has
not lost any character by the transaction,
unless it be for skill.

R. M. P.

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Mr. M. Kennedy, Esq. }
Capt. Th. Smith, }
New Orleans. }

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Oct. 9. 1842

Sir,

We will require, for the expenses of this Branch
Mint, for the half year, ending June 30. 1843, the
following sum, viz:

For coinage expenses, including materials
& implements, fuel, repairs, and Wastage
of Gold and Silver \$7475.

For House Expenses, including water,
Rent & Taxes, repairs, lighting,
cleaning and watching " 4400.

For Office Expenses, including
Stationery and Postage " 200 \$12075.

For Salary of Superintendent . . . 1250

For Ditts " Treasurer . . . 1000

For Ditts " Cashier . . . 1000

For Ditts " Moller / Refiner . . 1000

For Ditts " Assayer . . . 1000

For Ditts " Inspectors, each 600 " 1200 " 6450.

For Wages of Workmen 10000
\$28525

And for the year ending June 30. 1844, it will be
necessary, that each of the above amounts should
be doubled.

Having, from the date of our resumption, viz. the 3^d instant, reduced the wages, of our Workmen, as far as it could be done, without prejudice to the public interests, the amounts under that head you will find considerably less than those asked for heretofore. On the other hand, two years experience and upwards, has shown us that we cannot even with the utmost economy, do with less than about \$2,000⁰⁰ annum for Contingent / "House" and "Office" expenses, exclusive of what may be required for Wastage, which in our calculations we have put down at \$3000. That Wastage, altho' within the legal limits, has, as you know, always been unaccountably large in the Minting Department. It will, we have every reason to expect, increase with the Coinage. The sums herein enumerated, will be wanted in full, as there will be at the expiration of the year, no balance in the Treasury of any item, ^{against} which we can draw. I enclose a memorandum from the Treasurer, which has, in great measure, served as the basis of the Estimates herewith furnished, and will only add, that the whole sum asked, for the next eighteen months, for "Coinage" "House" and "Office" Expenses, is about equal to the amount, which under the head of Contingent, has been carried to the surplus fund. It is then, in reality, nothing more than a re-appropriation of the same money, the benefit

of which we have lost, by not having known how to draw for it. This I take to be the case, if I be correct in saying, that the appropriations wanted by us, under the name of "Contingent" and "Incidental expenses" have been uniformly made, without any regard to unexpended balances.

In reference to the two men retained during the suspension by the Comr and the Master Refiner, I had intended at first to give you merely such extracts from their letters to me, as appeared sufficient to justify my acquiescence in their request. I prefer, however, sending the letters themselves, with the desire that you will return them, accompanied, I hope, by your approbation of what has been done in the matter -

I am Sir,

Very respectfully

J. O'Connell, Servant

J. M. Stansby

R. M. Patterson Esq,

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Sap^t.

Philad^a.

P. S. I received, some weeks ago, from Mr. Young

Acting Secretary of the Treasury, a letter dated
1st Sept last in which I was informed, that a
Warrant had that day issued in favor of H. C. Cam-
mack, Treasurer, &c, for \$725. on acct of different
appropriations for this Unit. I notified the De-
partment, sometime since, and can again say
to you, that no complaint has, as yet, been received.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above
mentioned warrant, and in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities
for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. McKim

Received of the
Hon. Secy of the Treasury
the sum of \$725.
for H. C. Cammack
Treasurer, &c.
Sept 18. 1842.
J. M. McKim
New Orleans.
Sept. 18. 1842.
Dr. H. C. Cammack

Mint of the U.S.

Oct. 5. 1842.

Sir,

Two counterfeit dime pieces, of the date of 1842, have come to the Mint from Cincinnati, which bear, both on the face & reverse, a resemblance to the legitimate coin that I am apprehensive that a pair of dies may have been stolen from one of the Mints. I have had the most careful inquiry made here, & none are missing. I sent to you by mail have had their receipt acknowledged by you. Please to report to me whether they are all still in your possession; and if any have been destroyed, let me know what evidence you have to this effect. The counterfeits have not your Mint mark on them; but it is probable that expert coiners would first use the dies for making hubs, & the O would be easily cut away. The milling differs very sensibly from that of the Mints.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. N.
Dr.

To
Mr. Kennedy, Esq. }
Asst. Dir. Mint,
New Orleans.

Miss M. L.

Oct. 5th, 1842

Quincy, Mass.

Some of the dinner pieces sent to you by Mr. Savoy are certainly counterfeits, and are easily distinguished by their ~~color~~ superior weight and specific gravity, and by their colour. They exhibit on assay, only a very slight trace of silver, and appear to be of the composition commonly called German Silver.

The impressions bear a remarkable resemblance to those ~~from~~ the systematic coins, — so striking, indeed, that as to give rise to the suspicion that a pair of dies must have been stolen from one of the mints. — We are very particular in keeping a record of all the dies prepared, and a careful examination proves that ~~none~~ are missing at this mint. The receipt of all the dies sent this year to New Orleans is acknowledged by the Superintendent, — so that none have been lost in their passage ^{by mail & that} ~~from here~~. I am willing to inquire whether any are missing from that Mint. If not, we must suppose either that the Counterfeiters have the services of a most skilful engraver, or that they have possessed themselves of a ~~perfect~~ ^{very} dangerous piece recently discovered in England ^{and} making ^{very perfect} copies of each itself, which are fac-similes of the original model or coins.

The milling, (or more term it,) or impression
made on the edge of the coin, is very well preserv-
ed, so as to show the work of it in great evidence;
but it differs ~~considerably~~ ^{markedly} appreciably from
the milling on the legitimate coins. On the
face and reverse of the counterfeit the work-
manship is ^{on the other hand} most perfect, and has excited among
the officers of the mint much astonishment and
alarm.

The part of the letter I does not prove that
the dies may not have been taken from the mint
when altered
H. M.

P. M. P.

To
Hon. Thos. H. Benton,
Senator of U. S.

Unofficial

New Orleans Sept 26 September 1842.

Dear Sir

I arrived here on the 21. having been detained in coming down the river. I found my family very well except some of the servants who have had the fever of which there have, as usual, been several cases in the mint, and, unfortunately, one death, a young girl, some relation of Mrs Tyler.

We have instructions from the Superintendent to resume operations on the first prox^a - and we shall have a large ^{supply} quantity of bullion - a good deal coming from England and France. I know of one parcel of 60,000 fr in French gold that will be sent to the Mint on arrival. Our fund for "wages of laborers" has been, by the operations or expenses of this quarter, reduced to an amount that will ^{not} suffice to pay the workmen for the present quarter. and I do not know how we are to get on.

We are entirely out of acids. Some 25 Carboys have been ordered from Philadelphia - and the order sent to you Sunderland - It is important that it be sent out as soon as possible.

We have had no Eagle dies for 1842 and have but one pair fr of half Eagle. Most of the gold is deposited for Eagles.

I shall watch the arrival of the first vessel from
Philadelphia with much anxiety as I am anxious
to get the weights - please to recollect the standard
weights. I saw my doctor twice after I left you
in Philadelphia, and my interviews with
him were very satisfactory.

All the officers are now in the city.
Mr. Bertram's health, I am happy to say, is improving.

I am, very respectfully

Your faithful servant,
Horace Sumner

to Doctor R. M. Patterson

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Sept 29. 1842

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director Mint of the
U. S. Mint.

Sir,

We are preparing for a resumption of operations,
on Monday, the 3^d of the next month. I have
been requested by Mr. Tyler to say to you, that he
will require, "probably, by the time that they can be
procured from Philadelphia"

2 W. of 1/2 Dollar

3 half 1/4 Dollar

2 W. of dime, and

1 W. of Eagle die.

Dr. Hilditch has also desired me to order from Phil.
25 Cartridges of 1/2 gun for the use of his De-
partment. Will you be good enough to send them
to us? I will, in the course of a short time, furnish
the required estimates, and reply to your interesting
in relation to the retaining some of our men during
the Suspension.

Very respt.
Yours

J. M. McKim

Sup.

Wm. H. S. Sept. 16, '42.

Sir,

The Act of Congress of the 26th ult. makes the fiscal year after the opening of the U.S. to commence on the 1st July, instead of the 1st Jan. as heretofore. The next Congress will therefore have to make appropriations for the half year ending June 30. 1843, ^{the year ending} June 30. 1844; and I have been called upon to present estimates accordingly for the Mint & Branches. I will thank you therefore to send me at your earliest convenience, separate estimates for the two periods, & also. In place of the usual item "Incidental & Contingent Expenses," you will please to present the three following:

- (2) For ~~House~~ ^{Branch} Expenses, including Materials, taxes, repairs, lighting, cleaning & watching, — \$
- (3) For Office Expenses, including Stationery & postage ^{conveyance} — \$
- (1) For ~~House~~ ^{Branch} Expenses, including Materials, implements, fuel, repairs, & melting of Gold & Silver, — \$

My former correspondence has called your attention to the necessity of framing your estimates with reference to any available balances of former appropriations.

For M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sub. of Mr. Mint,
New Orleans.

R. M. S.
L.

Dear Sir

Frid 7th 10th Sept 1842

Your letter of 2nd Ult^o came duly, to hand & also the Package you named for Mr Cunningham which got here in time to be delivered to him he however left here soon after for New Orleans & as I do not know whether he had time to acknowledge the receipt of it thought I would drop you a line apprising you of its delivery &c

Very respectfully
Y^{rs} Obedt
Reuben T. Nixon

To J. M. Pennington Esq
Superintendent

Coiners Office United States Mint
New Orleans Sept. 8th 1842

Sir. [I have perused the letter from the Director
left with me on the 2^d inst. but have been prevented
from giving attention to it sooner, on account of the
illness and death of one of the members of my family.
and in answer so far as the Coining Department
is concerned. I can only repeat the statement
made to you before these men were retained in

I stated that more than one half of our man-
time would be necessarily occupied in keeping the machinery
from rust &c. and also that the lever of the dime coining
press had been a long time broken in the same place
of the two other presses, which had been renewed, and
that by bolting it had been continued in use until
the plate which held the bolts had cracked entirely
through, so as to make it dangerous to continue it
in operation. And I suggested, as there was no
appropriation for contingents, that it would be
prudent to make a new lever previous to resuming business
in which you fully concurred. I stated ^{that} the
foreman was the only machinist now left, and if
his time could be occupied in making the lever, and
that what assistance he required could be rendered
by the man employed to take care of the machinery.

You said you had not made up your mind to
suspend the foreman, and if he would undertake
the lever, you would not hesitate to continue him
in employment during the recess - I then proposed
Mr. Hustis (the pressman) as a suitable person to

take charge of the machinery, but remarked
that if he was employed to clean the machinery
only, it must be at reduced wages. But as he was
already accustomed to fitting the dies & collars to the
presses, I was anxious that he should become ac-
quainted with turning the dies, and making the collars,
for which he would have time during the suspension,
and at which he can always find employment, when
the coining presses are not in operation. You then
said you thought he would be entitled to full pay
if he could be thus fully employed. I must say
also in relation to his selection that I thought him
best qualified for the duties required of any one
then in the department.

Since the operations of the Mint were suspended,
the above proposition has been strictly pursued, and
in addition to the work above mentioned, the boilers
have been cleaned and repaired, and the steam engine
repaired, and put in operation for the M & C. to
grind the -

Mr Austin was taken sick about
the first week with yellow fever, and has not been
able to attend to his duties, until to day, but in the
mean time I have employed another man in his
place.

I do not think it judicious to suspend
the foreman of the coining dept at any time, when it can be
avoided, and I am sure Dr Patterson will see the propriety of
his being continued, under the existing circumstances as also
of the man employed to take charge of the machinery.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
P. B. Lykes
Coiner

Wm. Austin
Sept 18
1851

Branch Mint New Orleans
September 1. 1842.

/ M Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent
Sir

In reply to your inquiries I have to inform you that the two men retained in the melting department have up to this date been busily employed in repairing furnaces, washing and fluxing grains, and recovering silver from old iron pots, and getting things in general in order. I find a vast deal of labor, yet unfinished, in getting the silver from the iron pots. The metal (iron), as I have often complained to you, is of a poor porous quality, and the pot has thus absorbed considerable silver.

So soon as I find the two men cannot be properly and profitably employed I shall report the fact to you and await your orders.

Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. L. Riddell

Melter & Refiner

/ The two men in the Department
were discharged on the 15th of September /

Aug. 29 /49.

Mr. Tyler called to make propositions as to the proper charge for the Counting Machine invented by his father.

He asks, on the advice of his uncle Mr. Baldwin, \$2000 for the full patent right for all the units.

As a charge for counting he proposes 50 cents for counting 10,000 pieces.

He has founded this charge on the following estimate. A man will count, at a maximum, 30,000 pieces in a day, of ten hours work. The New Orleans wages being \$2.50, this would correspond to 8 2/3 cents for 10,000. Hence 50 cents he considers a low charge. It corresponds to \$1.50 per day: supposing the grounds of calculation correct.

By the machine Mr. Tyler can count 30,000 pieces per hour.

Remarks over leaf.

Mr. Eckfeldt informs me that, at one time, dimes ~~half dimes~~ were counted by man, at this Mint, in one hour, at 20 cents for 10,000 pieces or \$1000 worth of dimes. Half dimes did not give the same rate of payment, being half, but the allowance for three was arrived at different times.

By a fair trial made at the Mint it was found that five men took 6 minutes to count 2500 dimes, - which is exactly at the rate of two hours work for one man, to count 10,000 pieces. This would give 50,000 pieces for 10 hours constant work. But the average wages at the Philadelphia Mint does not exceed 1.70 per day, - corresponding to 34 cts for 2 hours, - the time of counting 10,000 pieces.

It is not to be supposed, however, that a man can count without interruption for 10 hours, and, indeed, these interruptions are allowed for meals &c. Supposing then 8 1/2 hours of actual work, the days work would be 42,500 pieces, - which at \$1.70 wages, is exactly 40 cents for 10,000 pieces, or \$1000 worth of dimes, or \$500 worth of half dimes.

At the New Orleans wages of \$2.50 per day of 10 hours, the price of 2 hours work would be 50 cts. But supposing only 8 1/2 hours of actual labor, the cost of 2 hours work would be 58.8 cents.

Mr. Tyler states that by the machine, he can count 30,000 pieces per hour, so that he can do as much work as six men without this instrument.

Wm. Tyler,
{ No. 24 S. 8th. Corner Lodge Alley.

Washington 14 August 1842

Dear Sir

I forward to you by this mail a letter from Mr Conrad. who desires to know your views as to the propriety or impropriety or necessity of a change in the office of Superintendent of the Branch Mint in New Orleans. Mr Conrad is friendly to Mr Kennedy and does not believe that the interests of that institution require a change. - as Dr Carpenter, who has been nominated to the office, is unobjectionable I see no way of retaining Mr Kennedy but by allowing the nomination to remain over until the next Congress.

If you have received any letters for me please to forward them to Fredericksburg, where I will remain a day or two.

I am with much respects

yours truly

H. C. Adams

To Mr R. M. Patterson.

Minst M. S.

Aug. 20 / 42.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing the report of the operations of your Mint for July.

My letter to you, of the 29th of ~~the~~ ^{the} month, gives the necessary authority, from the Department, for the suspension of operations.

One of the most important reasons in favor of this interruption, ~~of work~~ was that the appropriation for the payment of work men was insufficient for the entire year, and that it was therefore desirable that this expense should cease during the summer season, when little work is required of the Mint, and when sickness may be looked for. I find, however, that you have thought proper to retain two men with the Coiner and two men with the Moulder, all, ^{you} as I understand, on full pay. Will they have full work, and if so, what work? I hope you have satisfied yourself as to these points, and that a desire to ~~favor~~ ^{benefit} particular individuals has not been permitted to act in the case of these men thus ~~distinguished~~ ^{favoured} from their fellow workmen. In former years, happily long past,

when the yellow fever rendered a suspension of
work necessary at this Mint, the men retained
were placed on half-pay, and I am under
the impression that the same course was pro-
mptly adopted by you.

I am pained to observe that Dr. Riddell's
pastage is again so large. Why is it that so
marked a distinction exists, in this respect, be-
tween your Mint and the Gold Mint?
A more important question could not be propo-
sed for investigation by Dr. Riddell and yourself.
I confess that I am unable to solve it.

We make frequent settlements here of the
pastage account, for the satisfaction of those
concerned, but they are passed formally
through the books only once in the year.

Mr. Carmichael was in Philadelphia the
day before yesterday, and I had the pleasure
and advantage of a long interview with him.

P. M. P.

To
Hon. Mr. Kennedy, Esq. }
Sup. Br. Court }
New Orleans.

Spotsylvania County Virginia
11 August 1842

dear Sir

I left new Orleans last Thursday and
arrived here today. I intend to be in Washington
on Saturday and will remain there some two or
three days. and will be very glad to hear from
while there. about Tuesday, or Wednesday next
will have the pleasure of paying my respects
to you in person in Philadelphia.

I am

your faithful servant

H. C. Ammer

To Dr. R. M. Patterson Esqr

Samuel J. Barber et al

v

Isa D. Barber et al

} In the Supreme Court of Pen-
sylvania for the Eastern
District
of December Term 1842
No 3
Foreign Attachment

I certify that on this day by order of plaintiffs' attorney
the above attachment was dissolved and the suit
discontinued

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the
seal of the said Supreme Court
at Philadelphia this twenty
ninth day of August A.D.
1842

Simon Cohen
Pro thy

Dear Sir

New Orleans December 12. 1843.

The deposits of both gold and silver at the mint have continued to be fully equal to what is required to keep us at full worth. I am afraid however that this will not continue long, especially for gold. the import of which must now stop as the exchanges have advanced. There is still a large amount of sovereigns in the banks uncined which are, for the present, held over under an impression that they will bear a premium by & bye when exchange advances.

All the depositors of gold, lately, have requested to have Eagles made for them, because they bear a premium, of $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ percent, while quarter eagles are at par with silver coins. We are compelled to promise Eagles in payment or lose the deposits. Most of the gold coined finds its way into the Banks, and they will not part with it unless at a premium, so that we see but little of it in circulation notwithstanding the large amount struck at our mint. Indeed such is the difficulty of getting it that sovereigns

have been purchased in considerable quantities to send into the country.

We are striving to make the coinage this month reach 500,000 dollars, which will make that of the year Four Millions and a half. Shipping the past summer has reduced it about one million from what it might have been.

I hope the extra appropriation of ten thousand dollars will be made. - without it we shall have much trouble after next month. - The wastage this year will absorb all of the contingent fund remaining. Mr. H. forwarded you some days ago a statement which I made for him about this fund and stated that it was by my request, as I have since learned from him. - He was mistaken. I recommended him to send it - because you would understand it. -

I would not have you to suppose that I volunteer in taking upon myself ^{so} much labor. I make these estimates because I am requested to do so.

I hope the half dollar dies for 1882 are on the way here. I am afraid that we shall run out of head dies for half dollars before the month is out - which may operate much against ^{the} coinage of the month. -

An order has been sent for acid to Messrs. Denning & Co. - say for 25 carboys. - We have on hand some 20 now which we suppose will be exhausted by the time the fresh supply arrive.

I am very respectfully -
and faithfully,
your obedient servant
H. C. Lamson

J. D. R. M. Patterson

Vidalia La Dec 12/43

"It is possible at the same time that you can find it in your power to do me a small favour of a similar but inferior kind. Your intimacy with Dr. Patterson, Director of the U.S. Mint, will enable you to approach him in person not for a favour to be granted at present, but to prepare him for one that may come in some degree through his instrumentality. I dislike all personal applications for office, and could not ask one directly, or indirectly; but it is the desire of my friends that I should be placed in the U.S. Branch Mint of New Orleans, and the long sleep with which I am still confined, has so impaired the strength of my back that I fear I shall not be able again to prosecute my professional & Engineering studies, and am anxious on the subject.

The present Superintendent, a man of great wealth, has no acquaintance with any of the scientific departments over which he presides. The scientific officers know this to be a great disadvantage; should he be displaced an effort will be made on my behalf; meanwhile should any of the departments become vacant, my

name is the standing appointment. Can I
ask if you are interviewing with Dr. Patterson
on this subject. If Dr. P. will address
Dr. Riddell and Dr. Harts of the Mint - I will
submit their opinions, or state if any other
knowledgeable men in the U. S. or L. U. as to
any qualifications for either of those offices."

(Signed) E. G. Forshey

R. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans December 11th 1843.

Sir,

Mr. West desires you to have made, for his Depart-
ment, an assay oven, of the same materials as the
last, which, he says, was very defective, the space
between the muffle and side not being over 3 inches,
and the dome or top too full. The Doctor adds,
that it answers well for silver assays, but that it is
frequently impossible to produce a sufficient heat
for assays of gold. Enclosed is a sketch,
showing the shape of the top that he wishes, and
the necessary breadth. He desires that the top
be covered with sheet iron, that the other parts
be as well secured with hoop iron as possible,
and that you also send him a full supply of
tiles to support the muffle, as they were some
given him, in

I am very resp^t

Y^r ob^t Serv^t

J. M. McKim

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint of the U. S.

Sup^t

Phil^a

Treasury Department
December 9. 1843.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 4th
instant, and the box of dies for the Branch Mint
at N. Orleans which shall be forwarded as requested.

The remaining boxes will be transmitted as they
come to hand

I am very Resp^l.
J. C. Spencer
Secy of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson -
Philad^a.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 7. 1843.

Sir,
The time has arrived for sending to
the Branch Mints their dies for 1844; and
I take the liberty of transmitting to you, ^{per post} by the
the first ^{lot} of the series for New Orleans, & shall
continue to send them by the successive mails.
They will all be properly directed upon the
inner envelope, and I beg that you will for-
ward them, as heretofore, under your frank.

Yours
R. M. P.
D.

To,
Hon. Geo. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury. }

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec. 6. 1843

Sir,

I send you the Statement of our operations
for the last month, and, at the request of Mr
Cammack, a letter from him to me, explanatory of
the document, containing the grounds of our estimate,
for the year ending with June 1845, which I
had the honor to forward a day or two ago—

Very respectfully

J. Oberlin

R. H. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia

J. M. McKim Esq

Depy

W. S. Branch Mint San Francisco.
Treasurer's Office December 24th 1843.

Dear Sir,

The statement giving the grounds of the estimates of this Mint, instead of modifying, ~~increase~~ the former estimates. The real deficiency at the close of 1843 is about \$10,000, as you will see by the separate estimate which is made. The appropriations for Contingent Expenses for 1844, are \$17,000, each year + for 1845 & 1846, \$15,000 each, making the sum total for four years \$84,000, and some \$2,500, for 1847, besides a balance in the appropriation for "Building & Machinery", of \$24,500, which has been used, & there remained an undrawn balance from appropriations under this head, at the beginning of the year 1840. The expenses from 1840, 1841, 1842 & 1843 (terminating this quarter at \$4,500) amount to \$75,622.02 & this includes only \$4,500.00 for Wastage. This shows that the expenses of the Mint, without Wastage, amount to more, or fully as much, as the appropriations.

When I made out the estimates for 1844 & 1845, I did not consider the Wastage of 44 was to be paid out of that appropriation, and the estimates are therefore increased, to cover Wastage of that year.

In the statement which I have drawn up, the sum of \$89,900, is made thus.

Salaries	\$12,900
Workmen	19,000
Contingent	17,000
Wastage	6,000
Machinery	5,000
	<u>\$89,900</u>

I put down the Workmen at 19,000 - their Wages since 1840, have averaged \$455.95 per quarter, but I have been a friend of alarming you with big figures, & have reduced from this as much as possible - \$20,000 is not too much. The Wastage of this

Dear I have stated at p. 100. what it will be, I do not know.
I have not been able to bring Dr. R. to figures, & I have guessed
at it.

I am Very Sincerely,
J. C. Hammaek
Treasurer

Joseph M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent

The undrawn appropriations remaining in the Treasury, were
are
Dr Salaries \$ 9,855.70
Wages 10,900.
Contingencies 5,500.
27,155.70

The amount in my hands as follows.

Salaries \$ 3,225-
Wages 5,642.71
Contingent 1,581.55
10,449.26

There to pay expenses for this quarter & of the 1st & 2^d qrs
of next year & for Wastage for 1848, which I put down.

Salaries \$ 9,675-
Wages, less. 13,500-
Contingencies & Wastage 19,500.

I do not know if the balance of Salaries & Wages can be
applied to pay Contingent expenses.

The balance of \$ 10,449.26, part of the appropriations for this year
has been carried to Surplus Fund in the Treasury, as per Statement from
the Register.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, Dec. 3 1843

Sir,

I send you a Statement, made out by Mr. Cammack, from the form rec^d from you, containing the grounds of the Estimate of this Branch Mint for ^(the year) ending June 30th '45. Not wishing any longer to delay the forwarding thereof, the explanation required by one or two of the items, will be sent in a day or two, together with a Statement of our operations for November -

The boxes numbered from 28 to 36 inclusive, and containing the dies enumerated in your letter of the 14th ult., have been all duly rec^d.

Very ~~truly~~ Respectfully
Yr. obed^t Servant

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the
Mint of the U. S.

Phila. 3^d

J. M. Henry

Supt

*Grounds of the Estimates of The Branch Mint, at New Orleans,
for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1845*

*Estimated Means and expenses for the 4th Quarter
of 1843, and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 1844.*

Probable Means:

1. Available balance in the Treasurers hands Sept 30 th 1843, as per Ordinary Ledger	3810 97
2. Appropriations undrawn, and still available Less to pay Sept & Dec for balance to 31 Decr 1842	36975 11 6586 77
3. Estimated legal deductions from deposits up to June 30 th 1844	102 42
Total of means	34,201 69

Probable Expenses

1. Salaries of Officers & Clerks to June 30 th 1844	9673 11
2. Wages of Workmen	15111 10
3. Wastage of the whole of 1843	7111 11
4. Other incidental, and contingent expenses	12526 69
Total of expenses	44201 69

*Difference - being the probable excess of expenses over means
and which must be provided for in the
appropriations for the next fiscal year* 10,000 00

*The items of Salaries and Wages are specific,
and correspond to the appropriations - The above
deficit of \$10,000, wholly exists therefore in the
incidental, and contingent expenses, the appropriation
for which must be increased, by this amount in the next
year.*

Unofficial

Dear Sir

I handed to Mr Kennedy her day since, a statement, giving the grounds of the Estimates of this Mint; which instead of modifying, increases the former estimates - The real deficiency to the close of 1843 is about 10,000 £ as you will see by the separate estimate which is made - The appropriations for Contingent expenses for 40 & 41, were £17,000 each year, and for 42 & 43 - 15,000 £ each, making the sum total for four years £64,000 and some £2,500 for fines &c. besides a balance in the appropriation for "building & machinery" of 4,500 £ which has been used, and thus remained an undrawn balance from appropriation under this head, at the beginning of the year 1840. - The expenses for 40. 41. 42 & 43 (estimating this quarter at 4,500), amount to 78,622.02 and this includes only 4,406.84 for wastage - This shows that the expenses of the Mint, without wastage, amount to more, or fully as much, as the appropriations. - Thus our position.

When I made out the estimates for 1844. 45. I did not consider the wastage of 44 was to be paid out of that.

appropriation, and the estimate is therefore increased, to cover wastage of that year. - On the statement, which I have handed to Mr Kennedy, the sum of \$9,900 is made thus, -

Salaries	12,900
Winkler	19,000
Contingent	17,000
Wastage	6,000
Machinery	5,000
	<u>\$9,900</u>

I put down the Winkler 19,000 - their wages since 1840, have averaged 4355.93 per Quarter, but I have been afraid of alarming you with big figures, and have reduced every thing, as much as possible. - 20,000 is not too much. -

The wastage of this year I have stated at 7000. - what it will be, I do not know. I have not been able to bring Dr R. to figure, and I have guessed at it. -

You have not acknowledged receipt of \$500 which I sent to you 10 October. - Your Treasurer told Mr Givatt that he had not received any account of the Copper Coins - I sent you Sal. in my letter 22 July last. -

The coinage for November amounts to \$369,000. - which is small considering that we did overtake the previous month. That for the year, as far as it has gone, is now a little over four millions of dollars.

Mr Kennedy will write you fully on the subject of the deficiency in the appropriations

for contingent expenses. This deficiency exists - and as far as I am concerned, if concerned at all. as I do not control the expenses. I will leave you to do that which your better judgement, and experience, may think best. Mr Skidell is a warm friend and he will do for the institution whatever is necessary if put in possession of facts.

I am in haste

Yours very truly
H. C. M. MacRae

N. Orleans

2nd Decr 1843

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Mr Tyler has made several improvements in the rolling room since his return. and has promised to furnish me with a technical account of steam which I will forward to you. The melting room cannot keep being supplied with what tells do you find for Mexican Dollars 1843-5. Inq. 10.

*Contingent Expenses of the Branch Unit.
N. Orleans.*

1840. Quarter 1. \$931.90
 2. 5736.85
 3. 5684.88
 4. 5970.29

*Settled for
the Year.*

\$21,323.92

1841. Quarter 1. 4,697.98
 2. 6,291.15
 3. 4,375.78
 4. 5,512.63

\$20,977.55

1842. Quarter 1. 4,094.50
 2. 2,557.29
 3. 2,609.42
 4. 8,785.36

\$18,046.07

1843. Quarter 1. 4,193.25
 2. 3,687.00
 3. 5,894.23

\$13,774.48

\$74,122.02

deduct this amount paid to Sullivan account

being Balance of Profit & Loss acct 4,606.84

\$69,515.18

*Average of actual Contingent Expenses exclusive of Wastage
 \$4,634.34 or \$18,537.56 per annum.*

W. S. Lelland, Philadelphia,
Nov. 29, 1843.

~~Dear Sir,~~ Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th. - I had heard, from Mr. Girault himself, that, on his arrival at Washington, he had found the purpose of his errand already accomplished. Indeed there was no difficulty of accounts to explain. The difficulty, as I understand it, had regard only to the amount claimed for wastage; - and, as far as this concerned the settlement of your accounts, there were but two words to be said, - first that the amount was actually paid by you out of the funds entrusted to your keeping, - and secondly that you were not responsible for the extent of the wastage, and had no direct control over it.

I agree with you, that it would be vain to expect the department to allow Mr. Girault's expenses.

In a letter to Mr. Kennedy, of the 11th, I presented a form to be filled up, in order to show the basis of your estimates for the next fiscal year. It is such a one as I have always sent with my estimates, ^{for this estimate,} except that with us the balance of ^{the} contingent account has ~~been~~ ^{been} on the other side.

The appropriations now asked do not, however, become available until after the 30th of June next, and therefore they will not enable you to comply with the instructions of the Comptroller. You have, then, but two courses left. ~~for~~ One is to state to him the impracticability of compliance, in consequence of the want of funds, until the end of the fiscal year.

The other is to ask for a separate and special appropriation to pay the deficit in the appropriation for incidental ^{contingent} expenses.

for the half-year ending Dec. 31, 1843. — For such a demand you would have a ~~substantial~~ ^{in 1843} apology in the fact that your ~~expenses~~ ^{expenses} ~~would amount to not~~ ^{would amount to not} less than three and a half times ^{more} ~~that~~ ^{that} of the year 1842, and that, in consequence, your expenses had exceeded your estimates.

This course is the most direct, — the most frank. If adopted, it would, of course, reduce your estimates for 1844-5. This for Mr. Kennedy and yourself to decide as to its expediency. ~~Perhaps it would be well~~ ^{for you to consult your} With a true and candid statement of your affairs, I should look for liberality on the part of Congress.

This letter was called for by yours of the 8th, and has therefore been addressed to you, but I must beg that you will lay it also before Mr. Kennedy.

R. M. P.

De

W. C. Cresswell, Esq.
Treas. of Branch Office,
New Orleans.

New Orleans November 25. 1843.

My dear Sir

I find by a letter which I have received from Mr Girault that he has been to Philadelphia and has paid you a visit.

I am glad of this for though I did not like to recommend his visiting you I thought it very probable that he would do so. Had I known of his intention I would have given him a letter to you.

Mr Kennedy has referred to me your letter of the 14th instant for explanation of the grounds for the Estimates for the fiscal year ending 30 June - which will have my immediate attention. We are working very well at the Mint.

The Coiner has delivered to me this month, in Silver 159,000 dollars and 190,000 in Gold.

The deposits are sufficient to keep us at full work. I have had many applications for copies of the Manual of Coins & Bullion - and I will be obliged if you will order 5 or 6 Copies to be sent to me.

for some friends. I am sure that I could sell
some 20 or 30 copies if I had them here.

Dr Riddell is very much engaged in preparing
a book of coins which is to contain an illustration
of all coins, genuine & counterfeit, with memorandum
or history of them: weight, value &c. It will be
a curiosity, I suppose, when finished.

I recollecting having read some time ago in
the New York Herald, an extract of some report
made by you respecting the value of parts of
Spanish dollars. I have been frequently applied
to to know what they are worth. and I am be-
very much obliged to you if you will let me
have copy of that report, or so much of it as will
be necessary to give me the information I desire.

If I recollect right the quarters were 22 cents & a
fraction, the bits 11 cents, and the piece 5 cents.

Do you intend to make any alteration in the number
of assay coins to be taken from each deliver for
next year?

With great respect & Consideration

I am yr faithful & obd. sl.

Wm Patterson

H. C. Amman

Mint of the U.S.
Nov. 15. 1843.

Sir, I have received, this morning, your letter of the 6th inst., with your report of the operations of the New Orleans Mint for October. — My report to the Department, for September, was delayed, until the 6th of the present month, for your report to me, and was then sent with this, and omitted. I am since informed, by Mr. Girault, that there were neither deposits, nor coinage, during September, at your Mint, — a fact which had not been communicated to me.

My letter of yesterday contains a list of the dies sent to you, under the frank of the Sec. of the Treasury, in consequence of the request made by Mr. Tyler, during your absence. I also stated that we were now occupied in making dies, for 1844, for all the Mints.

Very respectfully,

To J. M. Kennedy Esq. { R. M. L.
Super. &c. } D.
New Orleans.

New York
Nov. 14, 1843.

Sir, I have the honor to send to the Treasury Department, the estimates for the different Ministries. Yours may, in substance, be as follows.

For the half-year ending Dec. 31, 1844

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,450.
Wages of Workmen	10,000.
Incidental expenses	21,000
	<u>37,450</u>

For the half-year ending June 30, 1845

Salaries	6,450
Wages	10,000
Incidentals	11,000.
	<u>27,450.</u>

The reason for the greater amount for incidental expenses for the ~~first~~ half-year ending Dec. 31, is that the settlement for postage is made at that time.

In my letter to the Secretary I ~~state~~ make the following remarks.

The estimates for the New Orleans Mint are founded upon representations communicated to me by the officers. The great increase in the operations of that Mint has involved a corresponding increase in its expenses. On the items of contingent

expended for the fiscal year, is included a sum of \$5000 for pay of machinists, repairs, and new machinery, which has been asked for, and which I believe to be merited.

You will see that, in ^{making out} ~~presenting~~ ^{the} ~~estimate~~, I have been guided by the letter written to me by Mr. Cammack, at your desire; as you were prevented from attending to this business yourself. I think it by no means improbable that they may require modifications, and if you find it so, I pray you to communicate your wishes to me without delay. The numerous explanations that were required of me, last year, regarding the estimates for the New Orleans office, make it desirable, if not essential, that the grounds of the present estimates should be distinctly stated; and, for this purpose, I send you a form, which may at least serve as a guide for a statement which I beg you to send to me.

I subjoin a list of dies which have been sent to you, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury. We are now engaged in preparing the dies for 1844, of which a series will be sent to you in good time.

R. M. P.

Wm. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. at New Orleans.

List of dies sent to New Orleans.

Oct. 31.	Box No.	No.	Quantity	Value
1	"	28	1 pr. 1/4 eagle dies	
3	"	29	1 pr. 1/4 " "	
4	"	30	1 pr. 1/4 " "	
6	"	31	1 pr. 1/4 dollar "	
7	"	32	1 pr. 1/4 " "	
8	"	33	1 pr. 1/2 doll. "	
9	"	34	1 pr. 1/2 " "	
13	"	35	2 half 1/2 " "	
	"	36	2 1/4 eagle "	

(Copy.)

Remains of the Estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1845.

Estimated Means & expenses for the 1st yr. of 1845, & the 1st & 2d yrs. of 1846:

Probable Means:

1. Available Balance in the Treasurer's hands, Sept. 30, 1843, or for Ordinary Ledger, \$
2. Appropriations undrawn, & still available,
3. Estimated legal deductions from deposits up to June 30, 1844,

Total of Means

\$

Probable Expenses:

1. Salaries of Officers & Clerks to June 30, 1844, \$
2. Wages of Workmen " " " "
3. Postage of the whole of 1843,
4. Other Inc. & Cont. Expenses,

Total of expenses,

\$

Difference, - being the probable excess of Expenses over Means, & which must be provided for in the appropriations for the next fiscal year,

\$

The items of Salaries & Wages are specific and correspond to the appropriations. The above deficit of \$ wholly exists therefore in the Inc. & Cont. expenses, - the appropriations for which must be increased by this amount in the next year.

All the expenses of the current fiscal year,
(ending June 30, 1844,) may be set down at \$
with a coinage of Millions. Assuming that
an equal amount of coinage will be effected
in the year following, we must estimate as the
Expenses of the year ending June 30, 1845, in-
cluding wastage of the whole of 1844, and
including also the deficit in the Am. Cont.
Expenses of the current year as shown
above, and an additional sum of \$5,000
for repairs & new machinery which have
become necessary,

\$

Subtracting therefore:

Estimated legal deductions from depos-
its during the year,

\$

There will remain to be added to cover
the expenses of the year ending June 30, 1845, viz:

For the 1/2 year ending Dec. 31, 1844, which
includes the wastage of the whole of 1844, ^{for estimate,} \$

For the 1/2 year ending June 30, 1845, for estimate,

Total want as per estimate submitted,

\$

U.S. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans,
Nov. , 1843.

New Orleans November 8. 1845.

Dear Sir

I addressed you a few lines on the 28th and have since received a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury advising me that the accounts had been adjusted, and that the balance of the profit & loss account had been ~~but~~ transferred from the Contingent account, and he further directs me, at the close of this year, to transfer from the Contingent account the amount of the wastage of this year. but how this is to be done I do not know, as these two sums together will amount to more than the unexpended balance in the Contingent account.

The accounts having been settled without the aid of Mr Girault, I suppose my suggestion of a charge for his expenses falls to the ground.

I am very respectfully

Yours mo^t ob^tl^y

A. C. CARMACK

D. R. M. Patterson

Washington. November 8th 1842

Dear Sir,

This will be handed to you by
Mr. J. Francis Girault, of the Branch Mint at
New Orleans, who is desirous of obtaining any
information relating to the Mint accounts, which
it may be in your power to afford. Allow me
therefore to claim for him some portion of your
attention, and to assure you that such a favor
will be duly reciprocated by

Very truly Yours &c.

J. M. McKim

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint -
Philadelphia -

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov. 6. 1843.

Sir,

I enclose our Statement for October.
As we could not get ready to recommence
operations before the 18th of the month, Mr. Tyler
rec^d. his first ingots too late to be enabled to deliver
any coins.

I have to request that you will send
us, as soon as practicable, the dies lately ordered
by the Com^r, and that you will forward us also
a supply of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle dies
for 1844, in time for us to get them ready for
use by the first of the year.

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson Esq. ^{Ch^r. Sec^y. of the}
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philad^a.

J. M. Hanson
Sup^t.

Deposits -

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight		Standard		Value before		Value after	
	after melting.		Weight.		Deductions		Deductions	
	ounces	Den.	ounces	Den.	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls.	Cts
Gold.								
Foreign Bullion	3108		18147		337	62	337	62
Foreign Coins	112589		1120226		20841	41	20841	41
Silver.								
Foreign Coins	13312860		13228723		153934	23	153934	23
Foreign Bullion	182765		157792		1836	12	1836	12
					Total Deposits			

Coirage -

Total Value before Deductions		Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
Dollars	Cts			Dolls	Cts	Dolls	Cts
211	179 03						
155	770 35						
176	949 38						

There have been no coins delivered this month.

United States Branch Mint Open Along
Treasurer's Office 31st October 1843 -
S. C. Comm. n. e. p.
— For

Mint U.S.

Nov. 3. 1874.

Dear Sir,

I again take the liberty of
sending a box of dies, to be forwarded
to the New Orleans Mint, under your frank,
and a few others will also be sent, by
the following mails.

R. M. P.

To /
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 31, 1843.

Sir,

I send to day, through the Secretary
of the Treasury, a pair of quarter-eagle dies,
being the first of a series of dies asked for
by Mr. Tyler, in his letter of the 14th inst.
Another pair will be sent to morrow.

Very respectfully,
Wm. F. Smith

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Dr. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 31. 1843.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you,
by the present mail, a box of dies for the New
Orleans Mint, properly directed on the inner
envelope, and which I pray you to forward
under your frank as heretofore. A similar
box will be sent to morrow.

Very respectfully,
Thos. F. Smith

My Hon. John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New Orleans 28 October 1843.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 13th instant and I thank you for it. We have had a cold

north wind for two days which I believe will clear us of yellow fever. This is not certain however without frost.

I sent you some time ago the estimate for our mint. for it I put down 5000 \$ for machinist, & machinery: this is an indirect way of increasing our hands. and one that will make it easy to reduce the number, when there will be but little to do. The asking for the appropriation would rest with you. and without it. there could be no extra men employed. We have done but little yet since we

recommenced. both the Comier & M & R. had a good deal to do before they could make jugs & work them. and it was only a few days ago that Dr R. made the first delivery. Bullion is beginning to arrive here and the great decline in Louisiana will bring it in quantities so that there is every prospect of the continuation of our large deposits for some time at least. -

Our expenditures for the last three quarters have been

1842	For Salaries.	Wages.	Contingent
1 quarter	3,225.	3,917.25	4,193.25
2nd quar.	3,225.	4,038.50	3,687. -
3rd quar.	3,225.	4,432.25	5,894.23

I will send you a copy of the Contingent expenses in a few days. By a private letter which I received some time since I learn that my Bullion and ordinary accounts for the last four quarters, are lying up in the office of Comptroller of the Treasury on account of the shortage for 1842. I have therefore decided to send my clerk, Mr. Grault to Washington to try to get them audited.

This will be an expense of some 300 dollars - and as the whole mint is interested in the matter I think it a proper charge to be made to the Government. I went on last year to Washington - and made no claim. The Coroner & Mr. R. have each had their expenses paid and some of the workmen have been allowed travelling expenses. -

I am with great respect
and consideration

Sir Your faithful servant

A. C. Munnick

Edw. M. Patterson

9,675. - } Salaries, Wages & Inc. for the 1st 2nd 3rd quarters
12,388.00 }
13,774.48 }
18,832. - estimated balance of the year including \$7,000 mortgage
54,669.48

12,388
4,129
16,517

12,500
4,500
18,000

New Orleans October 14th 1843

Dear Sir

In the absence of our Superintendent, I deem it my duty to apprise you of our immediate want of the following coinage dies, 3 pair of 1/4 eagles - 2 pair of 1/2 dollars & 2 pair of 1/4 dollar. I have here stated the number which I think will last us until January next, when we shall of course be supplied with dies of the new date. The 1/4 Eagles will be required first, and the 1/2 dollars next, and the or three extra bits of these two denominations, may be needed before the year is out, and as they will not be lost, it will be well to send them.

I arrived here in twelve and a half days after I saw you last, and find myself in good time for any thing required of me in the Mint, as the repairs commenced in my department, were not completed, and the Mellen & Hapner will have no money for me until the 16th inst.

Our city is now very sickly, but my health is good and I hope cold weather may soon come, that we may have less fear for the future.

Very Respectfully

Your Faithful Servant,

W. R. M. Patterson.
Director U.S. Mint

P. B. Tyler

Unit of the United States
October 13th 1843

Dear Sir

I feel always under great obligations to you for the information conveyed in your letters respecting the affairs of the New Orleans Unit; and your letter of the 3^d inst. is particularly interesting.

I am glad to find that the period of your temporary suspension was not last time.

Mr. Tyler is of course now with you & your Unit again in full operation.

How yellow fever is a sad condition of a New Orleans residence. It is a happy circumstance that no death has yet occurred among you at the Unit. I hope that this may continue to be your report.

I need not tell you that your remarks respecting the estimate for your Unit for the next fiscal year gave me great anxiety. As to one point however I have no difficulty. Your institution must pay its debt & must be kept out of debt. Therefore what you absolutely need you must ask. The alarming item will be the wastage. Last year it was too great & gave great discontent at the Department. I hope that advantage was taken of your recent suspension of operations to ascertain the amount up to that time.

P.S. I beg that I may be informed of the result.

If your carriage is to be kept up at its present rate you will certainly need more hands. If once engaged however it is almost impossible to reduce the number however little there may be to do.

Do you think it probable that your large amount of deposits will continue?

We have coined here this year upwards of 4,000,000; and the coinage thus far in the whole mint establishment is a million per month.

In my own part I cannot expect this state of things to last.

Very faithfully
yours

R.M.P.

Director

W. C. Cushman Esq.

P.S. Mr. Manning requests me to state that Messrs. Elkins & Walling of Boston sent to Mr. Edmund Perkins on the 2nd inst. one tier of Crucibles for your Mint & forwarded the Bill of Lading by the vessel.

Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office 11 October 1848.

Sir

I had the honor of addressing you last
evening with estimate for contingent expenses for this
branch mint. I beg now to add to that estimate

For pay of ~~three~~ machinists,
repairs, and new machinery \$5,000.

Laying before you these estimates, I of course, under-
stand that you will alter them in any manner
that you may think proper.

I am, very respectfully
Yours most truly
H. C. Cammack
Treas

To
D^r R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 10. Octr 1843.

Sir

I received a note from Mr. Denny
this morning informing me that he had been suddenly
called upon to absent himself from the city for a
few days and requesting me to furnish you
with the estimate asked for by you in your letter
to him of 9 ultimo.

I make it as follows

For pay to officers & clerks	\$12,900
Wages to Laborers	20,000
Contingent expenses, including water rent, fuel, and wastage already accrued and for 1843. —	27,000.
	<u>\$59,900</u>

The balance undrawn in the appropriation for
"Contingent expenses" is \$11500 out of which we have
to pay the current expenses for 3 quarters. The balance
to debit of profit & loss account is abt \$6600 - and
the wastage of this year is unprovided for.

The Carrier's wastage up to the present time has
been about 109 ounces gold and 264 of silver -
that

of the matter & Refier is not known - but he informs
me in a note this evening that his "impression is
that the outgoings will be this year materially
less in proportion to the bullion received than
what it has usually been his fortune to incur,
as witnessed in the annual settlements heretofore".

Enclosed I send you Horace Beant &
on Barker Brothers & Co, of your city, at sight for five
hundred dollars which, when collected, please to
please to my credit to pay bill against this Branch.

I am very sincerely
Your friend & obd servant
H. C. Mack
Treasurer

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
United States Mint
Philadelphia

New Orleans 8 October 1843.

Dear Sir

Mr Tyler arrived here on the 6th in very good health. He seems much disappointed at the condition in which he finds the machinery and machine shop of his department. He thinks that every thing has been done to make the Coirage lay without regard to the preservation of any part of the machinery. and that he cannot start the engine for some 10 days. and afterwards he will require some repairs that can be making while the Coirage is progressing. We have not men enough to keep up the Coirage and make repairs and improvements in the machinery. and if extra men are employed in the machine shop it swells up our contingent expenses enormously. we should have relief from Congress this session ~~if Congress~~ by having the number of men increased or by getting an appropriation for machinery of some \$6000. Do you think that this can be done? and what plan should we adopt for asking for this?

I am yours truly
H. C. Cushman

To Dr Patterson. - P.S.O.

P.S. Since writing the within I have received
your letter of the 30th ultimo. The remittance will be
forwarded immediately, to pay the bills you mention.

In my next I will give you a memorandum
of the unexpended appropriations for our Branch at
the present time. That for contingencies I estimated is
\$11,500. and out of that sum are to be paid expenses
for three quarters, about \$4000. each. so that there is
nothing to pay wastages.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has not acted
on my accounts for the 4th quarter of last year. and I
do not think that it would be improper in me to write
to the Secretary of the Treasury about it. None of my
accounts since 3rd quarter of last year have been
audited.

faithfully
H.C.C.

New Orleans 3. October 1843.

Dr R. M. Patterson

My dear Sir

Since I last had this pleasure
I have paid a visit to St Louis from which place
I returned on the 27th. I found on my return your
letter of 12 ultimo contents of which I note. The
balance claimed by Dinning & Co. of \$15.19 is correct
and I will be obliged if you will pay it to them
and get from them a bill and receipt.

During the time that the Mint has been stopped
the building has been cleaned and painted
and Dr Reidell has separated all of the
South American Doubloons which he had on
hand - which he could not have done when in
full operation - so that really we have thus
far lost but little time. But now all is ready
and we await only the arrival of the Coiner
to start the engine and we all regret very
much that he has not come as large amounts
of bullion wait on us to be coined.

The yellow fever continues to rage and is of a more than usual malignant character. None of the men attached to the mint have died. Several with their families have been sick.

Mr Kennedy has asked me to make ^{an} estimate for the mint for the year ending June 1845. which I intend to do. but the amount that will be required is so alarming by large that I doubt if he will send it. or you cause it to be presented. The ordinary appropriations required would be

Salaries of clerks & officers	\$12,900
Wages to workmen	20,000
Contingent expenses	15,000
	<u>\$47,900</u>

which was just the amount appropriated last year. But in addition to this we have an amount standing to the debit of Profit & Loss account of near, I believe, \$7000. and to it has to be added the wastage of the present year - what that will be I don't know! Last year the wastage was \$6,504.34 with a coinage under 1000 \$2 dollars: with one of four millions this year it will, in the same ratio, be near 20,000 Dollars so that we shall have to add full \$5,000 Dollars

to the above sum and make an estimate of near 73,000 Dollars. The number of workmen is limited in our mint - and at a too low limit - much work done in the Coining & melting Departments have to be put under the head of Contingencies, and thus swell out that account very much.

I saw Mr Benton in St Louis. He said that if we wanted more men in our mint - we could have them by asking - that with so large a coinage we could approach Congress with a good grace. I hoped that before the end of the

week to see Mr Tyler here. I had recommended him to push on by mail, and be here by 20th September. but he says that after a consultation with you and by your advice he will take the river route in consequence of his delicate health.

I am very truly &
Respectfully
Your friend & servant
H. C. Cameron

Copy

The United States for the Incidental & Contingent
Expenses & Repairs of the 1 Branch Mint at New Orleans as
Paid to the following persons from 1st July to the 31st Sept 1823
inclusive in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent
of the Monetary Office of the Treasury.

July 31	561	J. Roder & Co	Indings & for Lining Department	18 57
Aug 21	562	H. & W. Hopkins	mate for oil do do	41 56
July 8	543	John Hunt	Charcoal for Melting do	43 12
"	544	S. Vaugelin	" do " do	25 20
"	545	David Selt & Co	" Stationary for Mint	211 87
10	546	John Melloy	" Melting Moulds for Melting Dept	79 50
"	547	John Wardrobe	" Melting Casters in Lining do	29
"	548	J. Baumiller	" Lin Boxes for do do	43 75
30	549	Blanchard & Co	Contribution to Salage of Limestone	41 75
24	550	J. J. Holstship	" Stone for Lining of Mint	93 33
27	551	John Hunt	" Charcoal Melting Department	262
Aug 2	552	George Wilson	" Ash Wood for Lining do	276 25
3	553	W. B. Ducroix	" Boat Load. Limestone Coal	1138 62
"	554	John L. Clay	" Bill of Plumbing at Mint	47
"	555	J. K. Webster	" Charcoal for Melting Dept	37 50
5	557	W. Whitney & Shurt	" Watching the Mint in July	222 16
"	558	J. Claman & W. Parry	" Services of Porter & Doorkeeper	113 67
"	559	John Larsmann	" Day Watch & Yard labour	51 57
11	560	Chas. A. Smelser	" Repairing Boiler Furnaces &c	35 50
30	561	John Hunt	" Charcoal Melting Dept	195
"	562	David Dwyer & Co	" Candles of oil for Mint	74 24
"	563	W. Baumiller	" Melting Moulds for Lining Dept	27
"	564	Wm. T. Bell	" Brass Casting & Iron for do	100
"	565	J. W. Morrison	" Drugs &c for Melting Dept	89 94
"	566	J. Kimball	" Soap Candles &c for do	23 53
"	567	J. Laroia	" Labour in Melting Dept	96 25
31	571	W. Whitney & Shurt	" Watching Mint in Augt	222 16
"	572	J. Claman & W. Parry	" Porter & Door Keeper in Augt	113 67
"	573	Henry Scott	" Day Watch & Yard labour do	51 57
"	574	John Melloy	" Melting Moulds for Melting Dept	50
Grand Total				3866 59

		Amount	brought forward	3866.59
Aug 31	675	Saml Rice	Carpenter's work at Mint	26.18
"	676	St. Vaillant court	labor in the Washin ^g shop	34
"	677	Sayton & Co	Hardware for the Mint	4083.00
"	678	John L. Clay	Plumbing at the Mint	27
Sept 11	679	James C. Hasson	Freight of passage for 3 persons	26.25
12	681	Jarris & Andrews	Paints at 8c for the Mint	88.28
14	683	John Armstrong	Repairing boilers	133.33
15	684	Albert Mitchell	Four bricks 58c for Mint	16.48
"	685	W. W. Wright	White lead for Mint	35.75
16	686	Saml B. Parcell	White washing at Mint	56.20
"	687	Chas. A. Smelser	Setting up the boilers	28.82
18	688	St. Louis Ship & Store	Freight of passage and child	28.56
22	689	John L. Hermann	labor on furnace &c	15.20
"	690	Jarris & Andrews	White lead for Mint	38.99
23	692	St. Waupke	Painting done at the Mint	216
"	693	Joseph Lopez	do do	28.50
30	695	W. Whitney & others	Watching Mint in Sept	215
"	696	J. Clamen & W. Parks	Put in 3 donkey pumps do	110
"	697	John Carroll	day watch and labor do	50
"	698	Samuel Rice	White washing & painting Casing	52
"	700	Brunstien & Co	Sulphuric acid Melted Sept	82.76
"	701	W. Loring & Co	Nitric acid for do do	542.25
"	702	S. Francis Grant	Expenses incurred for 9c Mint	135.26
				5894.23

United States Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 30th September 1843

Minut M. S.

Sept. 30. 1843.

Sir,

The Balance remaining in my hands
to your credit, this day, is Ninety seven dollars
26/100, - no transactions having occurred since
the act. rendered June 30. 1843.

There are bills outstanding to the
amount of \$499.12, & I must beg you, for
soon as may be, to supply me with funds
for these & such other expenses as may occur.

R. M. P.

D. -

To

H. C. Cammack,

Treas. Br. Mint,

New Orleans.

Philad Sept 11 1842 of
H. C. Cammack Esq of N. P. M. Ind
at New Orleans, by hands of H. M.
Patterson Esq director of N. P. M. Ind
at Philad. \$ 542 ^{by the funds of the} in full as per bill
and C for 51 Carboys Nitric acid
furnish & by Messrs Loring & Larchmont
Nicolas Leming

Very truly
Yours

H. M. P.

(Loring)

To H. C. Cammack Esq
Treas N. P. M. Ind
New Orleans,

Mint of the U. S. State,
September 12th 1862

Sir I send a few mps. having the receipt
the Bill of Exchange having come to
hand yesterday.

I hope to send you that there is
a small bill under date of Nov 17
1862 of \$15.19 and by J. B. Reddell for
the N. Orleans Mint which is unsold.

Very Respectfully

R. M. R.

(Quetta)

To J. C. Caninech Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
New Orleans,

Miss M. L.
Sep. 9 / 43.

Sir,

I have received a circular from the Register of the Treasury, requesting from me estimates, for the ¹⁶at least and the Branches, for the half-year ending 31st Dec. 1844, and the half-year ending Jan 31st Jan 1845. I have therefore to pray that you will, as soon as practicable, send me the estimates for your at least, for these periods.

The seven packages of Coins sent by you, ~~through the~~ ^{by} ~~frank of~~ through the Secretary of the Treasury, for the annual assay, have all come safely to hand, and are placed in the press, - but without having been opened.

So you are free to inform Mr. Caunce that I have received his letter of the 30th ult. I have also by me a letter from him to Mr.

Philos B. Tyler, but I do not know
where to send it. His sister-in-law
says that he has left Springfield.
I have written both there and to
New York, to make inquiry as to his
whereabouts when he now is.

I congratulate you upon having
continued your operations through
the summer, and having made
them so efficient. These circum-
stances will plead loudly in favor
of your establishment, when the
next annual attack is made upon
it.

P. M. P.

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Wm. M. Kennedy Esq.,
Supt. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Sep 5. 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose statement
of our operations for August, and am
Very respectfully,

J. J. O'Neil, Treasurer

J. J. O'Neil

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philad^a

Statement of the Depots & Carriage at the French Mint at New Orleans, during the month of August, 1845.

Month of August, 1840.

Deposits

Coinage

Description of Bullion	Troy Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dwt	Ounces	dwt	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Total Foreign Bullion	21	54	24	028	458	10	458	10		
Silver Foreign Coins	216.185	25	215.426	12	250.677	66	250.677	66		
Foreign Bullion	175	50	146	25	170	18	170	18		
									250.847	84

New Orleans September 2 1843

Dr M Patterson

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I hand you above Samuel Nicholson's bill
of Exchange on Brown & Bowen for \$542 ²⁵/₁₀₀ drawn
to the order of N. Senneff & Co. It is in payment of
50 Cents of acid for Ships & Louis & Sarah Hand
and I will be obliged if you will please to get the
receipts for the same in proper form and return them
to me

I am your most Obedt

Wm C. Cameron

Mr. Kennedy has written for Mr. Tyler to be here by some 10
it is important that he should not be later -

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 30 Aug 1843.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 16th instant which came to hand some days ago.

The nitric acid from Senning & Co. was ordered by Dr Riddell because that ordered by you from Farr & Co. was never sent with promptness or in the quantities ordered. We are now without a Carboy in the Mint. and have near 9,000 ounces of gold that require separating, which has been in the possession of the M & R. some 7 or 8 months and would have been coined long ago if there had been an adequate supply of acid. Considering the difficulty and delay which occur in getting acid from the North, it is desirable to keep some 25 or 30 Carboys always on hand. I do not intend to pay Senning & Co. by issuing a bill at 60 days. I am fully aware that I have no authority to do so.

these gentlemen when they forwarded the invoice
and bill lading to Mr. Reddell. remarked that
they would be willing to receive payment by
bill at 60 d/s, which, they added, could be
bought in the market at par. The bill will,
of course, be drawn to their order and I proposed
to send it through you that a receipt in full might
be taken on its delivery to them.

The Carriage for this month will be about three
hundred thousand dollars in silver and one
hundred thousand in gold.

It is probable that we will stop working for
two or three weeks during September to repair and
clean up, but as Mr. Kennedy is still out of town
it will not be decided upon until his return,
which will be tomorrow.

I am with great respect

your very faithful servant

H. C. Macmillan & Co.

To Mr. R. M. Patterson.

Miss Marsh
Aug. 18, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 17th,
^{with}
~~accompanying~~ a package of of coins
for the next annual assay, received
from the coinage of the Branch Mint
at New Orleans, and being the first of
of the packages for the present year.

R. M. P.

De

To Hon. J. C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
August 19. 1843.

Sir

I transmit by this mail to you
address a package received from the Branch
Mint at N. Orleans.

It is stated to be one of
seven packages which contain the coins for the
annual apay reserved from the coinage at that
Branch, to be forwarded at intervals.

They will be forwarded to you as received at the
Department.

I am very Resp^{ly}
J. B. Spencer
Sec of the Treasury

G. D. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 16, 1843.

Sir,

I have duly received the report of
the operations of your Mint for the
Month of July.

I was not aware, until the receipt
of your letter of the 3d, that you had
sent for Nitric acid from Lemig & Co.
with the amount ^{ordered by you through} ~~sent by us~~, ~~on your~~
~~order~~, your supply must now be very
large. I will cheerfully transact for
you the business of the payments and re-
ceipts; ~~as you propose~~ but ~~with the~~ ^{I must}
~~observe~~ ^{observe} that I cannot understand
what you mean by sending to Lemig & Co.
"a bill at 60 days in payment;" and that
if this expression is to be taken in its

most obvious state, I cannot be a
party to the transaction. ^{You surely cannot} ~~mean~~
^{mean} that you are to give an official and negotiable note at 60 days, for the payment of a debt due by the United States?

I sincerely hope that your experiment of keeping the mint in operation throughout the year may succeed, and that it may not produce the tragedies which followed from the first attempt of the kind.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
(Director)

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

The following bills are outstanding against

Farr & Co. for Acids,	\$ 443.37
Muggs " Glass ware	16.75
Miller " Fair brick re.	39.00
Your balance in my hands is	\$ 499.12
	97.26
Funds needed -	\$ 401.86

Enclose Bill of Lading No. 94, of
8 casks of Nit. Acid per
Ship St. Louis,
Aug. 7. 1842.

List of coins handed in Pp. 9, 10, 11.

Branch Bank New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 10 Aug 1843.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a list of
the coins reserved for assay at this Branch since
the commencement of the present year. These have been
put up into seven parcels, as follows

No 1. 2. 3.	3 parcels, Gold	Amount \$ 2,515.00
4. 5. 6. 7.	4 - - - Silver	138.25
Making a total of \$		2,653.25

They are addressed to you, and enclosed to the Secy.
of the Treasury with a request that he will be
pleased to forward them to you. One parcel
was mailed two days ago and the others will
be sent on at intervals of a few days.

It is expected that by the end of this month there
will be coins enough made to pay all the depositors,
with perhaps an exception.

I am, with much respect,

Your very faithful servant,

A. C. Cassinell
Treas.

To Dr. R. M. Patterson.

List of Silver Coins returned for assay from 1st Jan'y to 31st July 1843

1843		Package	Value	Pieces	1/4 dozen	1/2 dozen	Dolls.	Cts.
Jany	27					9	4	50
Feb'y	13				23		5	75
	20				22		5	50
	22	No 4	29.00		8		2	00
	28				16		4	00
March	31				26		6	50
"	"				3		-	75
April	12				6	10	6	50
	13					1	-	50
	21					6	3	00
"	"				12		3	00
May	12	No 5	34.45			15	7	50
	22					8	4	00
	25					5	4	00
	31					4	5	75
June	15				15		4	00
	26				16		8	00
	28	No 6	26.00			8	4	00
	30				16	12	10	00
July	18						20	10 00
	25						32	16 00
	31	No 7	48.80		12		4	00
"	"						36	18 00
			\$ 138.25		175	183	138	25

Rec^d. Aug. 21. 1843.

List of Gold Coins received for assay from 1st Jan'y to 31st July 1843

1843		Package	Value	$\frac{1}{4}$ Eagles	$\frac{1}{2}$ Eagles	Eagles	Dolls.	Cts.
July	9					4	40	-
	13				19	1	105	-
	21					6	60	-
	28	No 1	900	2		17	175	-
	22					6	60	-
Sept	31			68		19	360	-
	"			8		8	100	-
April	21				20		100	-
	29				16	20	280	-
May	12	No 2	1040			12	120	-
	25				40		200	-
	31					34	340	-
June	26			8		24	260	-
	30	No 3	575	78	6		225	-
July	31			36			90	-
			\$ 2515	200	101	151	\$ 2515	00

Branch Mint U. States.
New Orleans August 8. 1843
To Mr. P. Fort - Ap^t
J. C. Cammearck
Treas.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 9th, 1843.

Sir,

In a letter to you, of the 18th
ult., I acknowledged the receipt
of the first of a series of seven
packages of ~~assayed~~ coins, sent
from the Mint at New Orleans, for
the annual assay. I have now
the honor to state to you, that the
whole of these ^{sent under your packet,} packages, ^{have} come
safely to hand.

P. M. P.

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To
Mr. Jas. C. Spencer,
Sec. of the Treasury.

Branch Mint New Orleans
New Treasurers Office Aug. 3. 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Statement of the deposits & coinage in this Branch Mint for the past month, which I send to you by request of Mr. Kennedy who is at present out of town.

We owe Lanning & Co for 50 Carboys Nitric acid which are now on the way from Philadelphia. They desire us to send them a bill at 60 days in payment. This I will do as soon as I get funds for expenses for the present quarter. May I send it to you to get the proper receipts from these parties?

The coinage at the mint for this month will be about the same as it was last month. There is now not much foreign Gold here and the high rate of Exchange on Europe will prevent it from being sent for coinage. The amount of Mexican Dollars here is very large.

I am, very respectfully
Yours most obtl

H. C. Hammett
— Cash.

To: J. M. Patterson.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, August 1. 1843.

Sir,

The packages of Dis, from n.° 22 to 27
inclusive, announced in your letter of the 1st ult;
have been received.

As I have been compelled to remove
my family a short distance from the City, on
account of the State of health of several of
the members thereof, and will probably not be
here, when the Statement of our Deposites and
Drawings during July will be read, I have
directed Mr. Gammon to forward it to you,
and have requested him to have it made out
as soon as possible -

I have so arranged it, that my temporary
absence from the Mint, will in no wise affect
its operations -

Very respectfully

H. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Phil.

J. C. Smith
Sup.

New Orleans July 22. 1873

My dear Sir

Annexed I have the pleasure to hand you a
sales for a part of the Copper Coins which you sent to me
for sale. The amount which I have collected \$622⁰⁰/₁₀₀
I will pay in such manner as I may be directed. There
is a charge for advertising, which has been omitted. It
can be deducting from the next account.

I send you, also, copy of our balance sheet
of the bullion books.

The Coinage for this month will be small. The
advance in exchange on Europe will prevent foreign
coins from being sent for Coinage. The M. & K. liner is
engaged in separating the 1st class bullion. I wish
he had abt 12,000 ounces. I am, with great respects

Yours most ably
J. C. Cammacker

J. D. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

My accounts for 4 qrs. #2 are still unaudited, owing, I suppose,
to that vexed subject of wastage.

Account of Sales of Five Bags of Copper Ore containing
157,117 Cents received for the Gilbert from Philadelphia for
 Account & risk of the Treasurer of the United States Mint.

Date	Purchasers	Cents	Value	
			Dollars	Cts
March 5	Mr. D. Cooper & Co.	33,000	330	00
17	Harritt, Adams & Co.	16,000	160	00
20	Wm. Dwyer	2,000	20	00
April 25	Wm. Dwyer	2,500	25	00
	S. P. Trickett	400	4	00
30	W. Parks	400	4	00
May 15	S. P. Trickett	500	5	00
20	W. Parks	300	3	00
25	Cash. (For Test Office & Mobile)	1,000	10	00
June 1	William Dwyer, Test Master	1,500	15	00
15	Francis Dwyer, Melting department	5,000	50	00
20	Thorne & Saunders	500	5	00
25	John & Williams	2,000	20	00
July 10	John S. Dawson, Test Master	3,000	30	00
	Cash.	10	10	00
		69,250	692	50
Remaining on hand. — Unsold.		17,730	177	30
		150,000	1,500	00

W. S. Pomeroy, Mint New Orleans.
 Treasurer's Office July 20th 1853.
S. C. Clammack
 Treasurer

James Wharton by a young man —
good appearance — asks for situation in
New Orleans office, should a vacancy
occur.

Is a Silas Smith — Is with his
father Willard & Co

Refer to R. W. Wilson

J. Watson & Wildeburn.

Dr.

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans.

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1843			Dollars	Cts
June 30	Dr	Sold Bullion purchased for Coinage. For 229 Jan 43		
		Standard Gold in the hands of the Treasurer	2	58
		Silver Bullion purchased for Coinage. For 322.62 43		
		Standard Silver in the hands of the Treasurer	375	41
		Coiner's Account of Gold. For 952.195 43 Standard		
		Gold to be accounted for to him.	17,696	65
		Coiner's Account of Silver. For 259,854.25 43 Standard		
		Silver to be accounted for to him.	302,357	49
		Melter & Refiner's Acct of Gold. For 14,752.28 43 Standard		
		Gold to be accounted for to him.	274,459	83
		Melter & Refiner's Acct of Silver. For 76,361.70 43 Standard		
		Silver to be accounted for to him.	88,857	22
		Gold Coinage.		
		For Balance of this account.	88,571	15
		Silver Coinage.		
		For Balance of this account.	99,422	07
		Gold Coins returned for paying.		
		For Balance of this account.	2,425	50
		Silver Coins returned for paying.		
		For Balance of this account.	89	45
		Profit & Loss.		
		For Balance of this account.	6,542	21
			880,931	06

1843			Dollars	Cts
June 30	By	United States Deposit Account.		
		For Balance of this Account	122,235	10
		Bank of Louisiana.		
		For Gold dep. N. 250. one thousand	251,596	37
		Commercial Bank, For Silver dep. N. 521. one thousand	1,019	25
		Bryan Callaghan, do, 524	1,152	59
		Mechanics' Trusts Bank, do, 511	50,030	52
		Bank of Louisiana, do, 503	111,411	51
		Louisiana State Bank, do, 514	50,180	85
		Mechanics' Trusts Bank, do, 516	50,152	85
		J. P. Ponce, do, 517	107	15
		Henry D. Saliers, do, 526	199	97
		Joseph Capins, do, 528	91	91
		Bank of Louisiana, do, 532	50,275	49
		A. Newby, do, 537	287	24
		Bank of Louisiana, do, 538	62,186	53
			880,931	06

W. L. Marshall, Cashier
 Treasurer's Office June 30, 1843.
 W. L. Marshall
 Treasurer

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans

July 7th 1843

Sir,

You will find this letter accompanied by a
Statement of our operations for June.

The following packages, viz:

N^o 18 Containing 1 pt. $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar dies

" 19 " " 1 do - do - do - do

" 20 " " 1 do do - do - do &

" 21 " " 1 do $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle do, have

been received, as also mini carbo, 5 of which
one having been broken on board the vessel.

I am

Respectfully

R. M. Patterson Esq

J. S. Reid - Secy.

Director of the

J. M. McKim

Mint of the U. S.

Philad^a

Sup^t

W. S. French Agent New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 31st 1844.
McCannack
Treasr

Miss M. L.
July 1, 1843.

Sir,

I sent yesterday the first of a series of dis- for your Mint, and will continue to forward one every day. When they are all received, I will thank you to give an acknowledgment to that effect. They are as follows:

No. 22, 1 pair $\frac{1}{4}$ doll.

23, 1 tail $\frac{1}{4}$ dol., 1 tail $\frac{1}{4}$ eagle.

24, 2 tail $\frac{1}{4}$ eagle.

25, 1 pair $\frac{1}{4}$ doll.

26, do do.

27, 2 tail $\frac{1}{4}$ dol.

Your letter of the 3d of June was handed to me by Mr. Tyler of the 2d. The proposition which you make with regard to additional compensation to Mr. Brooke, although it may be called for by the merit and the services of that gentleman, should, I think, be acted upon with great caution. If the allowance should be made, the Auditor & Comptroller will not fail to inquire how it happens that the Department is not only to pay the salary of an absent officer, but to pay also, extra, for services rendered necessary by this absence.

On the occasion of a late visit to the office, in company with the President of the M.S., the Secretary of the Treasury took occasion to complain of the heavy expense of the ^{General} ~~Minist~~ establishment, and said he was determined to take some steps it called loudly for reduction. What will he think, then, of a salary ~~set~~ to an individual who is not an officer, exceeding by \$500 the limit allowed to Assistant Officers legally and formally appointed, with the consent of the President? Our Assistant Secretary, who is not equalled in talent, knowledge, and ^{(I might almost add) energy} ~~useful services~~, by any officer in the office, receives a salary of \$1800. ^{The pecuniary of our} ~~about \$1750.~~

In a letter from Mr. Cammack, received on the 24th ult., he asks me to take into consideration the propriety of reducing the number of ^{Attorneys} ~~Minist~~ ^{crimes} reserved under the 3rd Sect. of the ^{Minist} ~~Act~~. I have accordingly carefully considered this proposition, and have consulted the Attorneys with regard to it, and the conclusion to which I have arrived is that it is not advisable to interfere with the existing rules, at least for the current year. As there will be many crimes to forward, would it not be well to commence the remittances at once?

Our Treasurer has just called into my office to inquire what is the present state of our Copper account with Mr. Cammack. Will you do me the favor to ask him how this matter stands. I tried this

Mr. Tyler was here yesterday, but has now gone to Springfield. His health is much improved.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
D

J. J.
Jas. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans.

Miss M. S.
Jan 30 / 43.

Sir,
I send enclosed my account with you, as
Treasurer of the New Orleans Society, for the quarter
ending this day, - showing a balance in your
favor of \$97.26.

P. M. P.

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To
Hiram O. Crammack, Esq.
Treasurer of the New Orleans Society,
New Orleans.

Bill Loring, 16 June/43, 4 Bones from
Mr. Miller, Lt. Col. Chester, Capt. Vanduyke,
for N. C. Br. Hunt

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, June 12. 1843

Sir,

I have rec^d. your letter of the 31st ult. upon
the subject of the gold coinage, at this Mint
and have given instructions in accordance therewith.
Our largest gold depositors, the Banks, have
generally expressed a preference for Eagles on
account, I believe, of their being more easily counted.
This has been an object, owing to the large amounts
now rec^d. and paid out by them, in coins -

We are in want of three quarter eagle
tail, and three quarter dollar tail, dies -

Respectfully
Y^r obed^t. Serv^t.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
June 7. 1843.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 29th ult. - A requisition from you for dies was received on the 24th, and on the 3^d inst., the first package, containing half-dollar dies, was forwarded. Yesterday we sent one pair of quarter eagle dies. To day we send one pair of half-dollar dies, & tomorrow the same; & the remittances will be continued till your demand is supplied.

I am sorry to learn that Mr. Tyler's health is so much impaired as to make his absence from the Mint necessary. I suppose that he will visit the North, & that I shall have the pleasure of seeing him.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant,

R. M. P.

D.

To J. M. Kennedy, Esq. }
Supt. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 7. 1843.

Sir,

Having now but one $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar die in tail,
that is fit for use, our operations, except on half
dollars go, are at a stand. Those are almost
exclusively the only coin, that depositors of silver
bullion will receive. Be kind enough, then, to
send us immediately, at least one head die,
of the above denomination, and to have Mr. Dyer
order for the others, filled as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. T. San.
J. M. McKim

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the
Mint of the U. S.

Philad^a.

My dear Sir

By the monthly statement of the operations of the mint, which you will receive, perhaps, before this reaches you, you will observe that the coinage for May is larger than was ever before made in this mint. I should think that this establishment has now proven its capability of coining three millions per annum.

The deposits since the first of this month have been upwards of 440,000 dollars all English and French gold, except a very small amt.

So that the quantity of bullion in the mint is but little decreased by the large coinage of last mo.

There is still a large amount of foreign coins in our City to be sent here when wanted. An impression however is abroad that the mint will suspend this summer and there is some caution in sending deposits here, lest they may be locked up till fall.

I do not know if the trial settlement is to be made between the officers this summer. I hope not, as it will interfere very much with our operations. We may never have such another chance to make

the business of the year heavy and I trust we will make
the best use of it.

Wrighter left here on the 1st in the steamer
Coat Rainbow for Cincinnati on his way direct
for Philadelphia and will see you soon after
receipt of the present. The foreman of the coinage
department, Mr. Brooks, is now acting for him.

You will observe that we have avoided making
small coins. I mean half dimes and dimes. This is
because there is but little demand for them - and
because it would prevent us from supplying the
demand for other kinds.

The gold coins which we
make go out of the city about as fast as they are
made. All persons having money to carry into the
country buy gold. It is now selling in large
quantities at 1% premium.

There has been but little bullion
exported and that little has gone to France, taken
by small merchants who have gone to buy their usual
supply of goods for retailing, and who always carry
specie with them.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. humble st

H. C. Munnick
June 5. 1843.

To Mr. R. M. Patterson -

Mint of the U. S.
June 3. 1843.

Sir,

I take the liberty of transmitting
by the present mail, a box of dies for
the U. S. Mint, properly directed on the
inner envelope, which I beg you to for-
ward under your frank.

R. M. P.
S.

To/ Hon. Jas. C. Spencer, }
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. Three similar packages will follow
by the succeeding mails.

W. S. Branch Mount
New Orleans June 3, 1843.

Sir,

Altho' the law authorizes me to fix for the
Workmen of this Branch Mount, Such Wages as are
reasonable according to their respective Stations and
occupations, I prefer consulting you, with respect
to an extra allowance, which I am disposed to
grant to Mr. Brock, for the period during which
he will fill the Office of Acting Corner -

His Services have, at all times, been invaluable,
and now, that additional and more important
duties have been imposed upon him, I do not
think, that an extra Compensation of \$50 p. month
during the period above mentioned (which will probably
not exceed 3 mo.) would be unreasonable.

That remuneration, should you be willing to
sanction it, would still be at the rate of \$200,
p. annum 10 p. cent, than the amount allowed by
law to the Corner, for the same services.

Respectfully,

R. M. Patterson Esq

Deputy of the
Mount of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

2^d Col. Sem^t
J. M. Henry

Sept.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, June 3^d 1843.

Sir,

I enclose statement of our operations last
month, and am

Respectfully

J. Aled^t. Sen^r.

J. M. Starnes

R. M. Patterson Esq

Sup^t.

Director of the
Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia

W. S. French Agent American
Treasury's Office May 21st 1863.
H. G. Gammon & Co
Treasurers

Miss M. d.
May 31 / 47.

Sir,
In compliance with instructions from
the ^{General} Department, I have to request that
you take measures to increase, as far as practi-
cable, the number of quarter eagles, and
diminish that of half eagles; and that as to
Eagles you have none coined except such as are
specially requested.

Wm. M. P.

Prof
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans. }

W. J. Branchmont
New Orleans, May 29, 1843.

Sir,

Mr. Cannwell requests me to say to you,
that the amount now on deposit with us, for
½ dollar, largely exceeds \$200.000, and that
the only pair of ½ dollar dies we have, is in
use.

Mr. Tyler has asked for leave of absence,
on account of ill health. I have granted it,
and have, at his request, appointed Mr. Brock,
the Foreman of his Department, to act in his
place, during his absence. He expects to
be gone from two to three months.

Respectfully

R. M. Patterson Esq. *J. M. McKim*
Director of the *Dep't.*
Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia -

New Orleans, 24 May 1843

Sir

Believing that it will be interesting to you, I annex a Memorandum of the Bullion and Coins in the Mint at this time. - The sum of 210,000 \pm Silver in the possession of the Treasurer, is the amount of three deposits of Mexican Dollars for Coinage, of which the titles have not yet been ascertained. - A large portion of the amount in the hands of the Coiner, will be delivered to me in Coins, before the close of this month. -

Under instructions which we have received from you, we are required to reserve from the Coins made in the Mint, for the annual Assay, One piece in every One Thousand of Gold, and one in every Five Thousand of Silver. - With a large Coinage, the amount thus reserved is considerable, and will be bulky to forward by Mail. - May I ask you to take into consideration, the propriety of reducing the number of Assay Coins so reserved, under the 37th section of the Mint Law. - The quantity of Foreign Coins in the vaults of our Banks is such, as to leave us no apprehension of a falling off in the deposits at the Mint for some time, unless the rate of Foreign Exchange should advance, so as to make it advantageous to export Bullion.

I am, Sir,

Your faithful Servant
A. C. Crammack

All the deposits of Silver are now for half dollars.

Coins -	Gold	443.319.81	
-	Silver	160.487.77	603.807.58
Melter and Refiner -	Gold	376.250.10	
	Silver	67.469.02	443.719.12
Treasurer, on hand,	Gold	—	
	Silver	150.000	
	do	60.000	210.000.00
Cash, Government fund	Dr	171.593.28	
Coinage	Cr	166.465.36	65.037.92
			<u>1322.564.62</u>

Minist. of the United States.
May 23d, 1843.

Sir,

I received on the 20th, your monthly re-
port for ^{April} May's having, however, seen the
results announced in the newspapers, ^{found} ~~some~~
ten days before.

~~The order for materials for Dr. Hart was
committed to the charge of~~

~~Mr. Dunning will attend ^{in person} to the
order for materials for Dr. Hart, and see
to have them forwarded with as little delay
as possible. It is necessary to have them
made at Boston, and I am sorry to find,
on inquiry, that from some oversight or
neglect, this step was neglected.~~

The materials for Dr. Hart have to be
made in Boston. Mr. Dunning will at-
tend to them immediately, & have them for-
warded with as little delay as possible.

Yrs. Obedt. Servt.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.

Sup. Br. Court

R. M. H.

S.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans.
May 15. 1843.

Sir,

I rec^d. by this morning's mail, box n. 17 containing
two tail Eagle dies. We are entirely out of 1/2 dollar
dies. You will oblige me by sending us half a dozen
pair, including those already ordered. Mr. Tyler thinks
that number will not be too great.

Respectfully,

J. C. Ober ^{to} Smart

J. C. Ober

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

of the U. S.

Philadelphia -

Sup^t.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
May 10. 1843.

Sir,

You will find this letter accompanied by a
Statement of the Operations at this Mint, during
the last month.

Of the Copper coin sent out to our Treasurer
\$475⁰⁰ have been sold, viz: \$430 to two of our
Commercial Houses, by whom they were shipped
to the Western Country, and \$45 to our Mint, to
be used in alloying gold -

You will oblige me by letting us have
as soon as possible, the Matras, which I some
time ago, ordered for D. Fort.

Respectfully,

A. M. Patterson by J. M. Adams

Director of
the Mint of the U. S.
Phila.?

U. S. Branch Spmt New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 20th 1855
H. Cammack
Jr

(copy)

Mint of the United States.
May 4th. 1843.

Sir,

I have sent to day, to the Secretary of the Treasury, two tail eagle dies, to be forwarded to you under his
frank.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant
(copy) W. M. Patterson
Director

To Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
— Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
May 24, 1813.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present Mail, a box containing dies for the Grand Mint at New Orleans, and so directed on the inner envelope. I pray you to cause it to be forwarded under your hand as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
(Signed) R. M. Patterson.
Director.

To Mr. John C. Spence
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mount of the United States,
April 29. 1842.

Sir, I have just had a visit from Mrs. Tyler, and she has requested me to enquire whether there was any thing due to her for New Orleans for the use of the counting apparatus invented (and patented by her late husband). When I wrote to you respecting the fair allowance for the use of this apparatus I estimated it at 3 cents per thousand pieces. I have since found, by its actual use, that this was hardly a sufficient payment for the time and labor which it actually saved, and I have allowed 4 cents on a thousand pieces as determined by the deliveries made by the Coiner to the Treasurer: all other countings to be left out of view, as indeed they are not of much amount, and could not be readily ascertained. On this ground I have just signed a warrant to pay, here \$16.12, for 903 thousand pieces counted for the convenience of the year till this time.

The two tail Eagle dies, required by your Coiner, are ordered. Very respectfully,

Wm. Smith Esq.

W. Joseph H. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mount
New Orleans.

Mont Wm

April 24/43.

Sir,

I find that I am in arrears to you in our correspondence.

In your letter of the 29th ult., you send me a copy of a communication to you from the Comptroller of the Treasury, respecting the large amount which appears in your account of paper postage. Of this communication I had also received a copy from the Comptroller, which I immediately answered. Mr. Kennedy then his dissatisfaction at this account in letters to me of the ^{17th & 22nd} of Jan., to which I replied. Thus stands this unpleasant matter. You are right in your opinion that the investigation of this case, and the correspondence with the Department respecting it, belong to the Superintendent.

The portion of a 20 fr. piece sent in your letter was carefully assayed, and found to be 899.1 ¹⁰/₁₀₀ fine. Its weight was 70 grains, and its value \$2.71, with which amount you are credited in my account.

In your letter of the 1st inst., you mention that you are ^{monthly} made the depository of \$20000 of ~~the~~ money, and that also it

is announced that the ^{settlements} ~~consequences~~ will follow.
It appears to me that this measure is quite
legitimate, and that the deposits are certainly
made under the provisions of the 31st Sect. of
the Act of Jan 18, 1837, with which the instruc-
tions of the Secretary, as to separate accounts,
and being held subject to treasury drafts, are
quite in accordance. In the construction, I
see no new sub-treasury.

As to your claim for services as sub-treasury,
after the repeal of the law, I cannot help you,
having been unable to help our own treasury.

With regard to the question, of a more personal
character, ~~respecting~~ ^{respecting} which you write
to me in your letter of the 5th inst., I will
say nothing more, at this time, than that
I have reason to believe that the step, if
taken at all, will not be taken without ap-
plication to the Department, made with your
knowledge.

R. M. P.

H.
W. C. C. Carrick, Esq.
(Tras. Br. of the
N. B. Co.)

Mint W.L.

April 24, 1843.

Sir,

On the deposit of gold coins, there has been heretofore a deduction authorized on the weight, for loss on melting, of .30 oz on 1000 oz.

We have found that this allowance, now, in the case of in many cases, more than was required for the protection of the Mint from loss, and that it presented the ~~evil~~ ill consequence of reducing the Mint value of British and French coins below the new valuation under the act of March 3d 1843. I have therefore established the following tariff of deductions on gold coins for loss by melting.

If the coins be new & clean — 0.10 oz.
If ~~new~~ worn, but not very dirty, 0.15 "
If very dirty, — — — 0.30 "
on a weight of 1000 oz.

Our Assayer and Minter both are of opinion that it will be very rarely necessary to go to resort to a greater allowance than 0.15 oz.

You will please to make the tariff of
deductions, hereforward, at the New Orleans
Mint.

R. M. P.

Wm. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

private.

New Orleans April 18. 1848.

My dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 6th inst and
have since heard any thing more about the dwelling.
I cannot bring myself to believe that any effort can be
intended respecting it.

I am sorry to say that the acid
is again exhausted. and the separating again at a
stand still and must remain so until a new
supply arrives from Philadelphia.

Annexed I send you copy of a letter which
I addressed to the Comptroller of the Treasury on the
31st ult. I am wrong in any way in the
position I have attempted to assume. I will be
thankful if you will tell me so.

Very sincerely

Yours all etc

H. C. Hammett

Genl.

To
Doctor Patterson.

From H. C. Leavenworth,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 18. 1843.
Rec'd. - 28. -

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To Dr. R. M. Patterson

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

APR 19 1843

Duplicate?

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers Office 31st March 1843

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th instant, in which I am informed, that my Bullion accounts for the 4th Quarter of 1842 have been suspended, for an explanation of the causes, that have produced so great an amount of wastage, in the operations of this Mint, as that charged by the Coiner, and Melted & Refiner for 1842, and making allusion to the fact, that the assays of this Mint, as compared with those of Philadelphia, are, when a difference exists, uniformly against the Deposits of Bullion here.

The charges for wastage, do not come under the consideration of the Treasurer, and in entering them in my accounts, I trust that it will not be considered, that I can be involved in responsibility, having acted in strict performance of my duty, under the Law, on the warrants of the Superintendent - to him I have referred your Letter, and as soon as the desired explanations are made, by the proper Officers, they will be forwarded to you. The finding of the true fineness of Bullion deposited for Coinage, has for a long time had my particular attention, and I am pleased to say, that our assays now result in producing titles more regular, and which I trust, will be found more satisfactory.

To J. W. McChesney Esqr,
Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington City

I am with great respect
and Consideration
Yours most obedt Servt,

Mint Mch

April 18 / 43.

Sir,

When, on entering upon my office ^{here}, ~~at the Mint~~, I came to examine the plans adopted for the Branch mints, I found that they were all upon such a scale as to admit of apartments for the residence of ^{at least} one of the officers, without interfering with the operations of the establishments, and I thought such residences very desirable for the convenience of persons having business to transact, and especially for the safety of the buildings. In the arrangement of the rooms such residences were accordingly provided for, and the plans were submitted to the Department and approved.

At the New Orleans Mint, apartments were provided for the Superintendent, the Coiner, and the Melted Refiner; ~~these~~ ^{rooms for} and were so occupied by the first officers appointed. But when the present Superintendent, Mr. Kennedy, came into office, he declined residing at the Mint, and the apartments were given to the Treasurer, Mr. Cammish, who has occupied them ever since. — Under

date of Nov. 17, 1839, Mr. Kennedy wrote to me as follows: - "Preferring my own residence to that allotted to the Superintendent, I have given up the apartments in the Mint occupied by Mr. Bradford to Mr. Cammack, who has asked my consent to do so."

In my reply, of Dec. 3, 1839, I say who has asked my consent to certain improvements and alterations about the premises." &c.

In my reply, of Dec. 3, 1839, I say - "I presume you would be justified in providing for the comfortable accommodation of the Treasurer, whose residence at the Mint is desirable for the public service." And again: - "You have done a benefit to the institution in yielding your apartments to the Treasurer. It is much more important that he should reside on the premises." - In the same letter I say: - "I do not think that any change for erecting stables would pass the audit at Washington. Even residences at the Mint were not contemplated originally, and are now permitted, on account of the greater security, and facility in transacting public business. Residences are not allowed to the officers of this Mint."

Since Mr. Kennedy's return from Washington, he has written to me, under date of March 28, 1843, as follows: - "The most personal matter about which I desire to confer with you is my residence at the Mint. I gave it up, as you at the time of my appointment, as you will know, to Mr. Cammack, who has been occupying it now nearly four years. This has made, and would continue to make, an annual difference to me of at least \$1200. I am not able to spare it, and my intention is, (if you think there would be no impropriety in it,) after giving Mr. C. reasonable notice, to move my own family to the Mint. That the apartments in question are intended for the Superintendent appears by a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Bradford, dated June 13, 1839; but I have thought it my duty to communicate with you on the subject, in consequence of your having said to me, in one of your first letters, that in giving them up to the Treasurer, I had rendered the institution service. In addition to the reason given above for now wishing to reside in the Mint, I will state, that the distance therefrom to my home present dwelling is so great, (being about one mile,) that it is impossible for me to be there as often

through the day as I would desire." ~~Then~~ and

On the 5th inst, the Treasurer, Mr. Cassebrook, writes to me on the same subject. He had heard that Mr. Kennedy ~~had determined~~ ^{had} to desire to claim the possession of the residence at the Mint, and he protests warmly against it. The grounds which he takes are — that there is ~~not~~ ^{no} legal claim which ~~he~~ ^{Mr. Kennedy} can make, except that the apartments were occupied by Mr. Bradford while he was Superintendent. — That if there be ^{nothing} in the law which gives him a preference over any other officer, much less is there in the duties which he has to perform, for his presence is less required at the Mint than that of any officer in it, ... while the Treasurer has to be present many times a day, and sometimes for hours together, particularly when there are many deposits. — Besides this, having large pecuniary responsibilities attached to him, he should have his dwelling as near his vaults as possible. The Statesman, however, that when Mr. Kennedy ^{originally} refused to occupy the house, "it was a mere barn, and the grounds were covered with rubbish and manure." ... "The house has

now" ~~under~~ (Mr. Cassebrook states) "under my arrangements, been made one of the best and most pleasant in the city. The grounds are handsomely ornamented, ... and stables and coach houses have been built, all at considerable expense, — and my expense."

I regret exceedingly to ~~be~~ ^{trouble} you with this unpleasant ~~business~~ ^{question}, — but it is one in which I cannot pretend to act without your orders, — and indeed Mr. Cassebrook expresses his intention to decline to give up the house, if called on, until the matter has been thoroughly considered and decided on at Washington, and says, "I shall propose that the matter be laid before the Secretary of the Treasury and yourself to decide, without discussion," — meaning, no doubt, between him and Mr. Kennedy.

I have now laid

Mint Mch

April 18 / 42.

Sir,

~~I have delayed answering the postscript to~~
~~your letter~~

I now to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 28th ult.

The orders which you send, for Dr. Hunt, Dr.
Riddell, and Mr. Tyler, are attended to by my
clerk Mr. Deering. I will ~~see~~ think it right
to mention that pure nitric acid costs 50 cts
a pound, while the common acid costs but 12 1/2 cts,
and that our assayers the workman employed by
our assayers purifies all the acid which they
use, and thus saves the expense of buying the
75 per cent of the cost. The process is a
rather simple, and the process easy, and well
known to Dr. Hunt.

I am happy to hear that your visit to
Washington was so successful, and have only
to regret that you had not extended your
journey ~~so~~ for a little farther, and paid
us a visit at the Mint, and seen something
of our Philadelphia and its society. You
would have been made very welcome, and
to see the manner of conducting business in
our institution might have been very useful to you.

I have been ^{greatly} embarrassed by the proposition which ~~you make~~ reference which you make to me as to the question of your ^{occupying} the residence at the Mint, now in the tenure of Mr. Cammack. I have thought much of it; and have at last come to the conclusion not to interfere in the matter, unless my opinion is ~~officially~~ asked by the Secretary of the Treasury. My opinion as to the subject ~~when you gave~~ When you declined occupying the apartments at the Mint, and they were given to the Treasurer, I was not consulted; so that I must presume this step was taken ^{under} the immediate authority of the Department at Washington. When you informed ^{me} by your letter of Nov. 17, 1839, that the arrangement had been made, and that I wrote, in reply, (Dec. 3, 1839,) that I considered it "a desirable one for the public service," and afterwards added - "You have done a benefit to the institution in yielding your apartments to the Treasurer. It is much more important that he should reside on the premises." If you now have an intention, however, you have changed your wishes on this subject, and differ from me in the opinion expressed above, it will be proper

that you make application for the subject to the Secretary, and I know that you will not do so without giving notice to that effect to Mr. Cammack.

A copy of the regulations given to our night watch is sent enclosed, as you request.

R.M.P.

Wm. Joseph M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

~~Just~~ Please to inform me as to the result of the inquiry of copper coins.

I regret that I have not yet received your report for March.

You mention in your letter the subject of small coins. The ~~former~~ You will see by the subjoined copy of a letter from the present Secretary of the Treasury that he ~~is~~ writes with the former Secretary in his views of this matter. You will of course conform ~~with~~ them as far as practicable.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 17. 1843

Sir

Some time ago, Mr. Archibald Cooper was employed
by Mr. Tyler
to do some work, which kept him occupied for
about two weeks. It was the intention of Mr. T.,
as he was satisfied with the manner in which Mr.
Cooper acquitted himself of his task, to take the
first opportunity that would occur, to give him a
permanent situation in his Department.

As none such has as yet presented itself, Mr.
C., who is on the eve of leaving this place for Phila^{de},
has requested me to make the above statement to
you, in explanation of the reason why his services
have not been engaged at the Mint.

A. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S. Philadelphia

I am
respectfully, Sir,
Yr. obed^t Servant
J. M. C. [Signature]
[Signature]

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans April 10. 1843.

Sir -

I enclose a statement of our operations during last month.

The Comr has cancelled in my presence, the following dies for 1842, by cutting a cross upon their face -

1 head $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ of Eagles, One of them reserved from 41.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle,

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 head dimes,

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4 head $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes,

8 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar, including 1 tail reserved from 41.

It appears that one of the $\frac{1}{2}$ dime dies, reserved last year had a head. In a memorandum furnished me at the time by Mr. Tyler, he had set them down as five tails -

Dies received in 1842, reserved.

$\frac{1}{2}$ dime, 6 tails

Dime - 3 - do

$\frac{1}{4}$ dollar - 2 - do

$\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle 1 - do

This account agrees with the dies received at the Mint in 1842, and those reserved from 41, with the exception of 1 head $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar die entered (perhaps erroneously) as a tail - Begging leave to inform me whether such is the case. I am very respectfully, Sir

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint of the U. S.

J. M. Smith Esq.

W. T. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1853
McCammack
Treasurer

without interfering too much
with my mercantile affairs, which
I consider of more importance
to me than the office, - the tenure
of which is at all times uncer-
tain. If, therefore, it should
happen, which I can hardly
believe, that ~~the~~ I lose my
dwelling, I shall withdraw
entirely.

It is my intention to decline
to give up the house, if called on,
until the matter has been
thoroughly considered and
decided on at Washington
and I shall propose that
the matter shall be laid before

The Secretary of the Treasury
and yourself to decide without
discussion.

I am, Sir
very sincerely
your faithful servant
H. C. Hamner

April 5. 1843

J. P. Patterson.

Genl. A. A. Hamner,
Near B. Smith,
Charleston.
April 5. 1843.
Recd. in 17.

upon as a principle of honesty rather than a pleasure.

The house has now, under my arrangements, been made one of the best and most pleasant in the City. The grounds are handsomely ornamented with trees, shrubbery and flowers: and stable & coach houses have been built, all at considerable expense. and my expense, and upon the whole, as a residence it is now decidedly the most desirable in the City.

I should grieve much to lose my place now. I have been, in a measure, identified with the mint and its success has been a source of much gratification to me — but if deprived of the dwelling which I now occupy I could not attend to the duties of it without

Dear Sir

It has been mentioned to me several times lately that Mr Kennedy has determined to take the dwelling house now occupied by me in the mint for his own residence; and, apprehending that I would not willingly resign it has been, for some time, preparing himself to get possession by obtaining the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury. either when in Washington or since his return, by correspondence.

I can hardly believe that such is the case as Mr Kennedy has not said a word on the subject to me. nor even hinted at it. but lest it may be so, I address you to make a few remarks.

The only pretensions

that I see, that can be advanced by Mr Kennedy, or in favor of his having the house, is that Mr Bradford, who was Superintendent once occupied it.

There is nothing in the land which gives him a preference over any other officer, and much less in the duties which he has to perform, for his presence is less required at the Mint than that of any other officer in it. Half an hour a day, generally, suffices and sometimes he is not required at all - while the Treasurer has to be here many times a day and sometimes for hours together, particularly when there are heavy deposits of gold.

The Building is a mile from the center of mercantile business and the presence of the Treasurer early in the morning and in the afternoon, facilitates much the transactions of the Mint and

often accommodates the public.

Besides this, having large judicial responsibilities attached to him, he should have his dwelling as near his vaults as possible.

This reason for abandoning any claim to this house was, if I mistake not, advanced by Mr Kennedy himself in 1840 when a correspondence took place between him and the Secretary of the Treasury of on the subject.

In 1839, when I returned from the North and mentioned to him that his name had been presented for nomination for the place he now holds, Mr Kennedy remarked to me that he would not accept the appointment if it required him to reside in the building. It was then a mere barn - and the grounds were covered with rubbish and matted and to occupy it then was looked

Private &
Unofficial

New Orleans April 1. 26. 1843.

Dear Sir

I was very much surprised two days ago to receive a letter from the Treasurer of the U.S. enclosing two drafts drawn to my order for one hundred thousand dollars each. and a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury stating that the amounts are to be put to the credit of the Treasurer to be drawn for as the exigencies of the department may require. That separate accounts must be kept. That additional disbursements will be made soon &c. I am therefore, the Honorable, depositary of the U.S. malgre moi.

But a short time ago I received a letter from Mr. Selden saying that my account was balanced - closed - in his books. and I was pleased. but it is again opened, and I cannot know when it will now be closed. - for all this work I have received no compensation since 30 June 1841. When in Washington I made an account for compensation from June 41. to June 42 - \$1000 by the advice of some of the gentlemen in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury but it has never been acted upon. My salary is 2000 dollars per annum and I am many miles
The

The book keeper in my counting house gets \$200 per annum and has no responsibilities. Nothing is intended here as a complaint. On the contrary I will do all that is required of me. Cheerfully. I do not see how I can count & put the money away however without, without some assistant. The business of the mint keeps the weighmaster and clerk well employed and I am at a loss to know how I shall manage.

Annexed you have memorandum of the coinage for the quarter ending yesterday at about this speed we can continue. Half of January was lost in settling accounts. And we could always have worked better than we did had it not have been for the pressure for small coins - which kept us back. If you can suggest any mode by which I can get my back salary as sub-treasurer & some additional compensation allowed you will much oblige me.

In haste

I am, sincerely & truly
your very old frd
McCammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 31 Decr. 1843

Coinage for 1 quarter 1843.
pieces.

January. Half dollars 48,000 value \$ 24.00

February. Quarter Eagles 2,002
Half Eagles - 19,075
Eagles ... 35,262 \$ 453.000

Quarter Dollars 382,000 - 88.000
541.000

March.

Quarter Eagles 72,000 - 190.000
Eagles - 27,300 - 273.000
463.000
Quarter Dollars 148,000 - 37.00
500.000
\$ 1,065.000

Gold 453.000
463.000 916.000-

Silver 24.000
88.000
37.000
= 149.000-
\$ 1,065.000-

New Orleans 29 March 1849.

Dear Sir

I received in due course your valued letter
letter of the 4th instant and today one of 7th with
account current for 4 quarters of 1842. and 1st of the
present year. The dist has all time as advised
by you and the acid per Kenoson was received
some days ago. so that we are now at full work
again. I trust that you will have some 40 or 50
barrels more of acid on the way. Mr Kennedy
mentioned a few days ago that he would require
a full supply of it and as our gold deposits
continue to be heavy we are fully justified in
ordering that quantity. This day we received a
deposit from Mr Samuel Nicholson of \$121,140.84 in
the line. the produce of £25,000 Sovereigns landed
this morning from ship from Liverpool.

Our coinage this month will, I expect, be
somewhere between four & five hundred thousand
dollars. mostly gold. and as will, most probably,
continue at that rate for some months to come. Most
of Banks refuse now to issue notes under \$50 and

gold circulates very freely in the place but lately,
filled by Bank notes.

Enclosed is copy of letter which I have
received today - and which has annoyed me
much.

I have had trouble enough with the assays
and reported titles of Bullion deposited - as well
as the wastage - altho' the latter ~~do~~ ought not
to be any business of mine; and now am brought
in conflict, on these very ~~point~~ heads; with the
department!

I do not know how to act - and am
quite undecided what I shall do. It seems to me
that the Superintendent is the proper person to make
the explanations required on this subject.

The allusion made to our low titles of bullion
deposited is very mortifying - though you well
know the trouble I have had on this subject as well
as the ill will I at one time excited against myself
for trying to find out why gold & silver coins of the
same tenor were not reported of the same fineness
here as they were in Philadelphia.

I enclose you part of a French coin of 1842
please to let me know the date. Please yours

Hobbsman

To Dr Patterson.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, March 25. 1843

The following dies have come to hand, since those, the receipt of which has been acknowledged.

In Box N^o 10 1 pt. of Eagle dies
" " " 12 2 tail 1/4 Eagle
" " " 13 2 tail 1/2 Eagle
" " " 14 2 tail 1/2 Dollar
" " " 15 1 pt. Eagle
" " " 16 1 Eagle head and 1/2 Dollar dies.

We have also rec^d. D. Holt & amending and W. Carls.

I am requested to order

For the Mint, Department
1 Cartⁿ pure nitric acid for Gold Assays
For Melting Department
From 25 to 50 Additional Cartⁿs nitric acid

Black lead spots N^o 35 4 dozen

" " " 25 4 do

" " " 60 2 do

" " " 16 5 do

2 boxes large fire tiles

2 boxes furnace bricks of the following shape

and for Mr. Tyler

2 Extra Tail Eagle dies.

I am further requested by the last named officer

to say, that the large amount of work, which, for some time past, has been done in his Department, is to be ascribed the fact of the old die, not having yet been cancelled. I will send you my report upon that subject, together with the statement of our operations for March, as soon as possible after the close of the month.

Upon the subject of the letter to you from the Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of which is contained in your's of the 5th January, I have to state that in the last four months, the amount of Silver deposited with us for Coinage, is about \$200,000. Much of this, of which came from the Bank. These individuals, so far from wanting the small Coin, are even to take quarters, and little halves, which they get, would prefer dollars if we could accommodate them. When they do ask for dimes, or 1/2 dimes, they want them merely for change at their Counters, and are satisfied with one or two thousand dollar worth, out of a deposit some-
times of fifty thousand dollars. Within the period above mentioned, no individuals have deposited for dimes, or 1/2 dimes. They can no longer make any thing of them.

You will oblige me by sending us a copy

of the regulations for your Night Watch, and your rules with regard to persons going in and out of your premises at night.

I am respectfully

J. M. Patterson Esq. ^{Sir,} ^{Pro. Secy. Secant}
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.

Philad^a.

^{Sup^t.}

P.S. A disposition not to obtrude my own private affairs upon you, so far as to make them the subject of a special letter, has induced me to wait, for the communication of what follows, until the first occasion would present itself to me, to write you upon the affairs of the Mint.

On the 1st of February, last, I rec^d a letter from a friend in Washington (a Member of the Senate of the U. S.) informing me that a move had been made there, which he had reason to fear, was aimed at me. In this it turned out, that he was mistaken. He advised that if I lost no time in going on myself, he thought it probable that I might defeat it. I left N. Orleans forth, on eight hours afterwards, and accomplished my journey on the next day. I found a Resolution pending before the Senate, declaring it to be inexpedient for that Body, to act

Recd. April 11, '43.

upon any nomination, that had been laid over from
the Septem. preceding. Those of Dr. Carpenter and
Bell, each of them sent in as Mr. Successor, were
in that category. The resolution was adopted, and
I was of course thrown back upon the President, as
if no nomination to Mr. Office had ever been made.
Mr. Tyler treated me very kindly. During my
third interview with him, he expressed his con-
-viction that I had been misrepresented to him, and after
telling me that I should have gone to see him sooner,
made known to me his determination to retain me as
Superintendent of the Mint.

The next personal matter about which I
wish to confer with you, is my residence at the Mint.
I gave up, at the time of my appointment, as you well
know, to Mr. Carruth who has been occupying it, for
several years past. This has made, and would continue to
make, an unusual difference to me of at least \$1200.

I am now not able to spare it, and my intention is
if you think there would be no impropriety in it, after
giving Mr. C. reasonable notice, to move my own family to
the Mint. That the apartments in question are intended for the
Superintendent, by a letter from the Secy of the Treas., to Mr. Bradford,
dated June 13, 1839, but, I have thought it my duty, to communicate
with you in the first place, as consequence of your having said to me one of
your first letters, that in giving them up to the Treasurer, I had rendered the
Institution a service. In addition to the expense given above for an office
to reside in the Mint, I will state, that the distance therefore to my present
dwelling is so great (being about one mile) that it is impossible for me to
be there as often as the day, as I would desire. I have not yet said a word to Mr.
Carruth about it, nor will I do so until I hear from you.

Mint W. L.
March 21/43.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. regarding the amount of postage claimed by the Melters & Refiners and the Coiners of the New Orleans Mint, for the year 1842.

I had already been made acquainted, with the Superintendent and the Treasurer, of this claim for postage account, and in a letter of the 22d ult. had presented my views with regard to it. It is certainly very large, though below the limits legal limits: the Coiners postage being exactly half a thousand dollars, both for gold & silver; and the Melters $\frac{2}{3}$ the below for silver, and $\frac{2}{3}$ the for gold, - but not exactly.

You have presented to the Officers of the New Orleans Mint a comparison between their postage and ours. I did the same thing; and the view which I took of it in the letter above referred to, I did the same thing as follows:

		Postage		Philadelphia.	New Orleans
Melters —	{ Silver	0.475	the	1.23	the
	{ Gold	0.000	"	1.33	"
Coiners —	{ Silver	0.410	"	1.5	"
	{ Gold	0.327	"	1.	"

"At Charlotte & Dahlonega, as well as at Philadelphia, the Melters & Refiners postage on gold was nothing."

"With a coinage of \$2,426,351, our whole
pastage was \$2,602; with a coinage of \$1,295,750,
your pastage was \$6,647. - If ^{our} pastage had
been proportional to yours, it would have exceeded
the actual amount claimed by \$7,418."

The pastage accounts of the old claims which
have ~~been~~ ^{been} a source of great anxiety and
trouble - especially in the department of the
Treasury. For the years 1840 & 1841, Dr.
Riddell's claim allowed for claims for pastage, ^{of gold}
amounted 1.6 M; and for silver it was 2 M, or
the full limit of the law.

I cannot hope that your letter to the
Treasury will bring any satisfactory explana-
tion of this large pastage. The representa-
tions of the officers concerned, as to its amount,
must be received, - for the case does not ad-
mit of any other evidence. ~~They may have~~
~~discovered some in their employ, but they have~~
~~not shown that they collected any such~~
~~portion of the same.~~ (The only guards on which your
Department can depend are the limits set by
the law, and the character of the Officers placed
in trust.)

W. J. W. M. Cullish, Esq.,
Comptroller of Treasury.

R. M. P.

Mint No. 1

March 20 /42

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., in regard to the denominations of coins struck at the Mint at Philadelphia and New Orleans.

As to silver coins, there is no difficulty in conforming to your wishes, and indeed this is virtually done at present. At New Orleans no dollar-pieces have yet been struck; and in February all the silver coinage was in quarter-dollars. In the same month only one sixth of our silver coinage was in dollars, which were soon struck at the beginning of the month; and none have been coined since.

As to gold coins, there is a difficulty in the way which I hope it will be in your power to remove. Our deposits of gold are now very considerable, and the demand for the earliest possible return in coins is always very urgent. Still these returns can be made much sooner in eagles than in the

smaller pieces, and it is for this reason that they are prepared by the depositors. The appropriate remedy is to increase the deposits of the United States at the mint. It now stands as follows, ~~at this mint~~:

Of Silver \$150,056.75

Of Gold 54,904.16

Now the deposits of gold is much too small to answer the important purpose of enabling us to make prompt payment returns for the bullion left for coinage. We have at this time about \$155,000 of gold deposits unpaid, and the Treasurer has but \$10,000 in his vault; so that there is more than \$200,000 worth of gold in the hands of the Master of the Mint and the Coin, passing through the numerous processes required for the conversion of metal into coin. It will be found in various forms: ^{in granulated flakes with silver} in bars, in standard ingots, in strips, in clippings, in filings, in planchets, &c. While the Mint is in operation much of the bullion must always be in this state of transition; and for the prompt payment

of depositors, the government deposits ought to be equal to the bullion thus under operation.

It would therefore be very desirable that our gold deposits should be increased at least \$100,000. It is for you to judge whether it would suit the department to take this step at the present time. ~~I have reason to believe that a draft on any of the government depositaries, here or in New York, could be promptly cashed for gold at the mint.~~ When the banks first paid payments in 1837, the government deposits at the mint were very large, and ^{formed to be} ~~was a resource~~ of great importance to the government.

The ^{present} ~~current~~ course of exchange causes a large amount of gold to be carried to New York, and, in consequence, the deposits of the metal for coinage at the Mint there are much increased. I do not know the amount of this gold deposit at this time, but I have no doubt that it is also deficient. I will communicate to the Superintendent your wishes as to the ~~denominations~~ ^{issuance} a selection of the smaller denominations for the gold coinage.

~~P.M.P.~~

~~with regard to~~

Your instructions with the assay of the
foreign coins made current by the act of
March 3, 1843, shall be attended to.

P.M.P.

D.

Wm. C. Spencer
Sec. of Treasury.

S. S. — In looking over this letter it has
occurred to me that my statement of the large
amount of gold deposits in the Mint unpaired
might lead you to infer that there ^{had been} some
unnecessary delay in our operations. I think
it proper therefore to mention that the earliest
of these deposits was made on the 10th inst.

March 20. 1843.

Do/ Sec. of Treasury

W^m Patterson

New Orleans March 19th 43

You will please accept my
thanks and grateful acknowledgements for
your kindness in writing to the Superintendent
of the U S Mint of Orleans respecting my
Application for a situation in that
Establishment

Wm C. Cooper

I have not as yet procured an appointment
but Mr. Tyler has let me know that in all
probability he will be able to give me employment
Shortly Yours Respectfully

Wm C. Cooper

Phila^{da} March 18th 1843.

Dr. Patterson;

Dear Sir, I have at various times called at the Mint to see you, in order to state my case to you; but not being able to have an interview, I would take this opportunity of addressing you to inform you, that I should not have left the Mint to go to New Orleans if I had the least thought of returning to my old vocation in the Mint.

I have not been able to procure employment of any kind since my return; some two weeks. So urgent, and extreme is my case at the present time, that I have been obliged to run in debt for the common necessities of life; and am also greatly in need of clothing this inclement weather.

If you should wish to know any thing in relation to the melting apartment in New Orleans, I will tell you, (which you have since hitherto asked me.)

If you would furnish me with a situation I would be extremely obliged.

I am severely destitute, and am even at the present time deprived of the common necessities of life. During the last three days I have not tasted a morsel of food to satisfy the cravings of nature. I would, in short be extremely thankful for employment of any kind; I have searched the city through, and am not able to procure work of any kind.

Dear Sir, - I would wish you to present this paper to the officers of the Institution. If I have been the least in fault, I would wish you to explain such to me, and I will make all reparation in my power.

If I have ^{been} the least in fault, it shall for future be avoided. If, as has been intimated, that I have been frequently called on for the payment of small bills, a dose it put to that, I am free, and wish not to decide any man.

In consideration, I have ^{been} the expense of boarding for 3 years, myself and three children; \$1 dollar per week for each child which is no inconsiderate sum during that time.

People do not take into consideration all the above things, I would be a thousand times obliged to you if you would give me a situation, if ever only for one month, and save me from the emergency of becoming an inmate of the Almshouse.

I am obliged to ~~take~~ this course, otherwise, I must not.

If I could get work any where else, I would not.

Yours Respectfully,
George Lewis.

Treasury Department
March 18, 1823.

Sir

By the statement received, of the Deposits and
Coinage at the Mint and branches during the Month of
February last, it appears that there was coined at the Mint
in Philadelphia in Dollar pieces \$25,500. and at the Mint
and the Branch at N. Orleans, in Eagle pieces, \$308,520.

It appears to me very desirable that the coinage of both
silver & gold be confined, as far as practicable, to pieces of the
smaller denominations. and I beg leave, therefore, to suggest that,
(unless otherwise desired by the depositors of the bullion) the
silver coinage be confined to pieces of the denomination of 50 cents
and under and the gold coins to half and quarter eagles - as
being more convenient for ordinary purposes and less likely
to be collected for exportation, particularly the quarter Eagles.

I remain very Resp^l
J. C. Spencer
Secy of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office March 1st 1843

Sir

Your accounts of Gold and Silver Bullion for the 4th Quarter of 1842, are suspended in this office for an explanation of the Causes that may have produced so great an amount of wastage, in the operations of the Mint, as that charged by the Corner & Melted & Refiner for 1842; and which appeared excessive when compared with the amount of wastage charged at the Philadelphia Mint, during the same period, and the more so, when we refer to the fact, that whenever the Assays at Philadelphia, differ from those at New Orleans, such difference is uniformly against the Depositor of Bullion at the latter place -

The wastage of Gold at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{5}{1000}$ on the Bullion purchased whilst that at New Orleans is nearly $\frac{1}{100}$ on do

The wastage of Silver at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{14}{1000}$ on do whilst that at New Orleans is more than $\frac{1}{100}$ on do

When you shall have satisfactorily explained the differences aforementioned, the Bullion accounts will be adjusted, and the balance of Profit and Loss, at the end of the year transferred to Silver Coinage -

Very respectfully

Yours ob^t serv^t

Signed

J W McCulloch

Comptroller

Anne Chammark Esq

Treasurer of the Mint

New Orleans

Treasury Department.

Comptroller's Office.

March 17th 1849.

Sir,

I enclose for your information a copy of letter addressed this day to Horace E. Cammack Esq: Treasurer of the Mint, New Orleans, respecting the amount of Wastage charged for the Year 1842; which, although it is within the legal limits, appears to be excessive. The following statement shows the amount of Bullion, purchased at that Mint, during the Year 1842, and the Wastage charged thereupon.

Gold Bullion Oz: 31,430-585 . Wastage Oz: 123-857-
Silver do Oz: 801,510-1 . do Oz: 3,782-32-

When the reply of Mr: Cammack is received, I shall submit it for your consideration and advice.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt,

Mar Cullock

Comptroller

Robert M. Patterson Esq:
(Director of the Mint Philadelphia.)

(copy)

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

March 17th 1843.

Sir,

Your accounts of Gold and Silver Bullion for the 1st 1st q^r: of 1842, are suspended in this Office, for an explanation of the causes that may have produced so great an amount of Wastage, in the operations of the Mint, as that charged by the Coiners and Melters & Refiners for 1842; and which appears excessive when compared with the amount of Wastage charged at the Philadelphia Mint, during the same period; and the more so, when we refer to the fact, that whenever the assays at Philadelphia differ from those at New Orleans, such difference is uniformly against the Depositor of Bullion at the latter place.

The Wastage of Gold at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{5}{10,000}$ on the Bullion purchased.
Whilst that at New Orleans is nearly $\frac{4}{1000}$ on do
The Wastage of Silver at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{14}{10,000}$ on do
Whilst that at New Orleans is more than $\frac{46}{10,000}$ on do

When you shall have satisfactorily explained the differences aforementioned, the Bullion

accounts will be adjusted, and the balance
of Profit & Loss, at the end of the Year,
transferred to Silver Coinage -

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.
Wm McCallister
Comptroller,

Horace C. Gamble Esq^r,
Treasurer of the Mint.
New Orleans.

Mint of the U.S.

March 17. 1843.

Sir,

I send enclosed my account with you for the two last quarters. The first was delayed in consequence of the sickness of my clerk, Mr. Cummings.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your very gratifying report for February. The coinage of all the four Mints, in that month, was \$785,897 ¹/₂, - the deposits \$891,394.

All the dies for which you have applied, have been forwarded to you.

I have heard nothing of or from Mr. Kennedy.

Very respectfully,
R. M. P.

(To)

A. C. Cushman, Esq.,
Treas. of the Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. We sent you on the 7th inst., thro' the Sec. of Treasury, Box No. 16, containing 1 half ¹/₂ dollar, & 1 head Eagle die; and on the 8th, a box containing annealing cups for Dr. Hook.

Unofficial

New Orleans March 8. 1848.

Dear Sir

Without any of your valued communications to acknowledge I write merely to say that I have perused your letter to Mr Kennedy of the 25. ultimo & am glad to find that our coins had passed the annual assay and had been found correct.

I notice that the gold coins are returned 900.5 and have caused an examination to be made of the little of the gold Ingots delivered during the year to ascertain if the little of them correspond with that of the coins. When completed I will report the result. I do this to prove our assays as we may have all our gold assays, possibly, a fraction high. French coins of 1842. we find 899. The "manual" leads us to expect them to be 900. Mr Kennedy returned yesterday

and, I am happy to say, is satisfied now that no effort will be made against his remaining in office.

We have received one pair of Eagle and two tail of Eagle dies.

With assurances of respect and esteem believe me, truly

Yr. faithful servant

H. C. Hammack

D. Patterson.

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1843.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 30th ult., and have been truly sorry to learn from it and from the public papers, that there is again trouble among your banks. We have always found, here, that bank suspensions affect, very sensibly, the amount of coinage at the Mint. But, assuredly, all your banks that deserve to stand must be able to bear the run now made upon them. The importations of specie are large, and this has been evidenced in an increased in an increase of our business at the Mint. The following comparison of the amounts of deposits in the first two months of 1841, 1842 & 1843, will show this fact.

	1841	1842	1843
Silver	\$43,083.70	\$97,364.97	\$459,720.34
Gold	61,838.33	104,776.72	251,731.68
	104,922.03	203,141.69	711,452.02

I hope that you will have a full supply of dies before you get this letter. Mr. Drumming will add a postscript as to the supply of your requisitions for dies, acids, &c.

A severe case of illness in my family, which terminated fatally five weeks ago, prevented, I fear, a proper attention, on my part to your correspondence.

I remember that you made inquiry as to the discordance between the legal and the Mint

valuation of foreign coins. - For the true value, you have all the information that you can require, or that I can give, in the "Manual of Coins" of Messrs. Eckfeldt & Dubois. and as to the false legal value, I am happy to say that it no longer exists, a law having just passed which puts all this matter right.

For the statements of accounts, and for the various other interesting & important information which you have furnished me with, from time to time, I sincerely thank you.

If Mr. Kennedy be at Washington, I have not learned the facts from him or from any other source. I can hardly think it possible that he would go to Washington, and not visit me, or at least write to me, if he be assured of maintaining his place.

I pray you to continue to write to me freely & fully as heretofore.

Very respectfully &
faithfully yours,

(Signed) Wm. Patterson
J. A. Cammack, Esq.

P.S. - A bill of lading is enclosed for 15 casks of Acid shipped on the 1st inst. by Messrs. Pan & Co., who state that it has been delayed till this time for want of a vessel.

The following dies have been sent:

Feb. 22, 1 pr. Eagle dies; 23, 2 tail & eagle dies.

March 2, 2 tail & " " 3, 2 tail & doll. dies, 4th, 1 pr. Eagle dies.

We shall send tomorrow 1 tail & doll., & head Eagle.

U S Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 2 Mar: 1843.

Sir

Enclosed herein I have the honor to send
your statement of the deposits and coinage at
this mint for the month of February. If we get the
necessary dies in time, we have every reason to
expect that we shall do equally well this month.

Already the dealer Hefner has some 9,000 ounces
of gold ingots ready for delivery to the mint, as
well as some silver ingots. and bullion, both gold
and silver, can be procured now to any amount
that we can work. Exchange on England
has gone down to 2 1/2 per cent discount. This
must cause large amounts of gold coins to be imported
from that country, as well as from France.

With much respect

Your faithful servant

H. B. Mason

Treasurer.

J. D. R. M. Patterson

Unofficial.

New Orleans 24 February 1843

Dear Sir

After two or three failures, the mail arrived here this morning in due course but without bringing anything from you.

The deposits of Gold in the Mint yesterday and today have been as follows

By the Mechanics & Trader's Bank	on acc. are
Sovereigns	— 1,865.60
French Gold	— 1,450.15
German & Am. Coins	— 1,323.25
Bank Louisiana	French Coins — 11,978.20
	<u>16,417.20</u>

Mr Tyler has deliver to me since I wrote to you last 120,000 dollars in Eagles. He continues to use the die of '42. The impressions from it, however, are not as good as we could desire. The receipts of specie into New Orleans since the first of October are 5,682,577 dollars, most of which has been in foreign coins - and all from England and France in Gold. Exchange on England has gone down below par and on New York to 5% discount. So that we may expect a continuation of the import of specie.

American

Gold has gone up to 1 to 1½ percent premium and
will probably continue at that ^{rate} which will induce
all holders of foreign gold to press it into the mint for
coinage. There is, therefore, every prospect of having
a large supply of Bullion to work upon for a long
time to come. and I hope by the operations of this
year to improve the capability and usefulness of this
branch mint will be fully proved.
I hope that we have some acid on
the way.

I have not received your account for
last quarter. Will you do me the favor to send
it to me?

With much respect

I am your faithful

servant

W. C. C. M. M. C.

To Doctor R. M. Patterson.

New Orleans February 20. 1843.

Dear Sir

Our City today has been in great commotion once more by a run on our Banks. This morning the Commercial Bank did not open her doors; this caused a want of confidence in the other Banks to spread and the lower order of our population immediately drew specie for all the Bank notes which they held. No other Bank has stopped and it is to be hoped that none will. but some of them are known to have but little specie and the run on them may place them in a position that will subject them to be closed by the Board of Currency.

The two strong Banks, "Louisiana" and "Mechanics & Traders" have large sums deposited in the mint for coinage. I do not think that their position will require them to be paid to sustain themselves. I am however sorry to find that they were paying out Mexican Dollars for the want of American Coins.

We are suffering much for the want of dies at the Mint. We can make only quarter dollars, and Coppers - the latter with the die of 1842. We are too, without acid, not having been able to make any purchase here. These detentions are unfortunate now while there are such large amounts of foreign Coins in our City - but which are moving slowly

but regularly into the country. Yesterday 188,000 Dolly
arrived here from San Francisco.

The Carriage this month has been delivered,
\$150,375 in Gold and 50,000 in Silver - Mr. Tyler has
about 100,000 in Gold to deliver tomorrow - and he can
deliver 60,000 more in half a day after he gets quoted Cash
as written for.

Mr. Clay visited the Mint a few days before he
went away. ^{He had been invited by the officers of}
^{the Mint to do so} and was requested to notify them before
leaving. It seems that indeed so by letter addressed to
Mr. Kennedy through the post office, but as Mr. Kennedy's
letters are received by his Brother, we did not know of
the intended visit, and were taken by surprise on
Saturday, which is washing day. Mr. Clay however seemed
pleased - but said he was not yet satisfied of the necessity of
of more mints than one in the U. States - but that if two were
acquired this should be one of them, and that the propriety
of continuing it depended much on the extent of the Carriage
and the expense of it as compared with the mother mint.

On the 14 proximo I will receive 100,000 to be added
to our fund for purchasing bullion for Carriage. This will
help us much.

I am yours sincerely
H. C. Mason

Dr. Patterson

New Orleans February 10. 1843.

Sir

I have this day received a note from the
Mellor Refiner in which he says that he is sorry to apprise
me that the Nitric acid received some months since is
exhausted, and that he has heard nothing of another
supply in answer to his requisition of the 12 December, and
that the separating has to stop unless a purchase can be
made in the City. He has on hand 9264 $\frac{611}{1000}$ ounces of
South American doubloons, with which he cannot progress
in making Ingots for Coinage without acid. We have not
heretofore been able, at any time, to find in the City more
than one or two Carboys. and cannot expect purchase more
here at this time, if any at all, therefore, without knowing
what arrangements have been made by the Superintendent,
desire that you may be apprised of these facts in order
that any orders given ^{by him} may be hastened forward.

There are very large quantities of S. A. doubloons held
here by the Banks, which are intended for Coinage and
25 or 30 Carboys of acid will be but a moderate
supply for us, and considering the impossibility of getting
any here, this quantity might with propriety be even
doubled.

Most respectfully

Your obs. servant

A. C. CANNAN

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson. (over)

Dr. Riddell thinks that some acid has been ordered from
a Mr. Lennen. Manufacturer.

Branch Mint N Orleans
Treasury's Office 7 Feb 1843

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Sir

Mr Tyler has just furnished me
with a memorandum of the dies which he has on
hand, and which are as follows.

Gold. 1 head die for Eagles 1843. No tail to match
the tail sent with this having been used in 1842.

2 head dies for gr. Eagles. no tail at all.

3 head half eagles. 1843. no tail at all.

Silver - 2 half dollar head dies '43 1. tail much
worn.

3. pair quarter dollar dies 1843
Complete.

of dime & half dime dies, a large
supply.

The Corrier has 5000 in gr Eagle planchets & coins
which cannot be delivered until he gets a supply of
dies. The Corrier intends to alter the size of the
Eagle die for '43. Cannot fit the head he has on hand
to the tail die that was used with the one of 42 in
December. We are now using last years

Eagle dies - which are the only ones available
for gold. Mr Tyler, therefore, request to have,
including, of course any now on the way, the
following dies

Eagle. 3 tail + 1 head

Ha. eagle. 3 tail

gr. eagle 3 tail

Half dollar 3 tail.

These gold dies he thinks will answer for the
year.

I am, Sir

Your most obedt servant,

A. C. Hamner

(Duplicate)

V. S. Smith Agent New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 7th February 1843.

To Dr. J. M. Patterson

Sir,

Mr. Tyler has just furnished me with a
memorandum of the air which he has on hand & which are as follows.

Sales. 1 Head air for Eagle 1842. no tail to match the tail
sent with this having been used in 1842.

2 Head air for G. Eagle, no tail at all.

3 Head Half Eagle 1843. no tail at all.

Silver. 2 Half doll. Head air 1843. Tail much worn.

3 Half Quarter doll. air 1843. complete.

Of Dime & 1/2 dime air a large supply.

The Comr has 1/2 silver, in G. Eagle Planchets which
cannot be returned until he gets a supply of air. The Comr
intends to alter the size of the Eagle air for 1843. & cannot fit it
Head he has on hand to the tail air that was used with the
one of 1842 in December. We are now using last year's Eagle air,
which are the only ones available for sale.

Mr. Tyler, therefore, requests to have, including of course
any now on the way, the following air.

Eagle. 3 Tail & 1 Head

Half Eagle 3 Tail

Quarter Eagle 3 Tail

Half doll 3 Tail

these Iola air he thinks will answer for the year.

I am Sir, Dear Sir, Mr. Smith

(over)

(signed)

H. C. Comstock, Agent

W. S. French Agent New Orleans
Treasurer's Office February 11. 1853.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director

Sir,

The Comrs being in very great need of this,
Mr. Cammack has seen fit to send you the duplicate, so that
the original should not reach you, if a letter addressed to you by
him on the 7th instant.

I therefore, agreeably to his request, in being out of town
to day, forward the same by mail.

I am, Very Respectfully

Yours faithfully, W. S. French

Per Francis Swartz

Ch. S.

Statement of Deposits & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of January 1893.

Deposits								Coinage.									
Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight	Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions		Denomination	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value.			
	Ounces	Dec		Ounces	Dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts			Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts		
Gold.																	
Foreign Coins	20.133	33	20.174	338	375.336	45	375.336	45		None							
Foreign Bullion	1.152	69	1.232	553	22.958	41	22.914	57									
									398.291	56							
Silver																	
Foreign Coins	39.711	95	39.573	98	46.049	72	46.049	72		Silver							
Foreign Bullion	1.725	75	1.723	13	2.008	09	2.004	10		Half Dollars.	45,000	24,000	00				
									48,054	81				24,000	00		
Total Deposits								446,346	67	Total Coinage						24,000	00

W. T. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office, January 31st 1893.
William Mack
Per.

Branch Mint New Orleans

Treasurers office 6 February 1843.

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Director Philadelphia

Sir

I have today received a letter from Mr
Kenny dated Mobile 4th February in which he
mentions that some business to which his personal at-
tention is indispensable calls him from the City, he requests
me to furnish you with the statement of the operations
of the Mint for January, which I now have the
honor to enclose.

The Comr informs me that he is much
in want of some gold dies, for which, I understand,
the Superintendent has already written.

I am, with great respect,
your very faithful & obedt
H. B. Ammer
Treasurer

New Orleans 4 February 1843

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a memorandum of the
bullion now in the Branch Mint here, and a
statement of the gold bullion deposited since our
resumption. This was made out for my own satisfac-
tion and as you are always pleased to receive
information of our operations I send you a copy.

I am, very sincerely

your obt servant

W. C. Crammell

To
- Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Some friends of Dr. Carpenter's here have taken occasion to say to me
that he is a gentleman of great respectability & character. I
mention this in consequence of a conversation I had with you
last summer.

Thos H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.

Feb. 4. 1843,
Rec'd. 18. —

D. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Statement of Gold and Silver Bullion
and Coins on hand 3 February 1843.

Holter and Aspiner	Sold	22252 197	Silver	68770 85
Coins	d.	7701 240	d.	56477 20
Treasurer	d.	8268 800	d.	69371 50
do ———— Coins	d.	1678 92	d.	33262 33
	Oz.	38222 237	Oz.	194619 65

Deposites of Gold received since 1st October 1842.

	Sovereigns	French	S. A. Dollars	Mex. Dollars	Peru. Dollars	Other
	943 595	288 598	130 157	120 100	225 614	664 472
	1238 193	538 451	3014 592	1222 705	318 466	
	160 934	266 923	1226 246	444 594	424 430	
	2411 467	82 598	83 964	259 655	206 898	
	58 276	804 165	893 229	40 100		
	1732 695	481 494	43 588	812 250		
	589 266	85 269	2141 490	532 492		
	523 910	1654 040	1476 549	541 196		
	240 318	4970 017	2771 839	573 440		
	3113 135		1962 194	270 234		
	3372 457		1607 025			
	524 500		303 167			
	210 615					
	1028 086					
	1362 024					
	1362 329					
	1301 963					
	1301 962					
	1302 156					
<i>Grand Total</i>	22658 321	9171 555	15654 040	4816 566	1175 408	684 472

Minist of the United States
Feb. 1, 1843.

Sir,

Your communication of the 17th ult.
was received on the 30th. I await your
promised letter with regard to the ~~settle~~
~~ments~~ accounts of the Coins and the statu-
te & Refiner, before I present my views
upon the subject.

My object, then, in writing to-day,
relates to another matter, with respect to
which I begin to feel no small uneasi-
ness. It is that we have not yet received
your Coins reserved for the Annual As-
say since you resumed operations in
the autumn, nor have we received any
notice respecting them. Yet a whole
month has expired since the close of
the year. I fear they have miscarried,
for I can imagine no sufficient reason
for so long a delay. I hope the coins
may be on the road, for it is not likely
that all your packages have been stolen.

The annual assembly takes place on the
19th inst. If you resolved coming be
not worried we shall be much embar-
rassed in our proceedings.

P.M.P.

I

Wm. H. Kennedy, Esq.,
Superintendent of Branch Office,
New Orleans.

My dear Sir

I have not had this pleasure for some time
nor have I any of your valued letters unanswered.

The business of the Mint for the past month has been
small in the way of Coinage. while the deposits of
Gold have been very large. and to day \$120,000 in French
gold coins were deposited. Our tardy operations have
called forth some expressions of dissatisfaction from
the Banks who since the delays experienced in 1838 & 9
are not over confident in our stability. The Bank of Louis-
has now in English & French gold coins 500,000 of all of
which we are to coin. When we have paid back a part
of what we now owe her.

Dr Riddle complains about the S.
American doubloons, all of which he separates. Do
you find the same inconvenience in the Mint at Philadelphia?

Mr Kennedy informed me yesterday that he intended
to leave here today or tomorrow for Washington City.
I recommended him by all means to visit you
before his return, but he seemed to be uncertain as to
whether he would do so or not. I have heard today that
Dr Riddle that Dr Carpenter has received some recent
assurance from Washington that he will be commissioned
Superintendent, unless rejected by the Senate. If so
it does not matter much, as to us here, whether Mr K

will you or not. If to remain, I trust he will see you
before his return. He no doubt has written you fully
in regard to a deficiency of gold which was
discovered in the Corner's department and an excess
in that of the Meller Refiner. As I am concerned indirectly
in this matter and not having seen the ^{copy} of the Super-
intendent's communications I will make a few remarks
respecting this unfortunate error.

The error must have been made
soon after the middle of November. At that time Dr. Hodder
came to me one morning and inquired if my gold was
right, if I had given him more French coins than were
charged. That his gold was more than he should
have. The amount he did not state - but to my inquiries
said it was more than 100 ounces - more than 200. and abt
300, he did not know exactly. I examined & found my
gold correct, when he said that probably he had been
mistaken. Afterwards the Corner informed me that
he was 300 ounces short. My letter of a recent date to the
Supt. explains the basis of a settlement that has since been
made. In that letter, at his request, I had given my
opinion as to how the error had occurred and my reasons
for that opinion. But as Mr Kennedy concurred my
language respecting the weight master and a porter,
who is now door keeper, was arraigning him before
you for keeping improper persons in the Mint - and
as such was not my wish or intention I withdrew the
letter.

I sent you some time since copies of my ordinary
accounts. The Bulletin accounts left here this morning
copy will be forwarded soon to you. I notice the appt

that has been made. Our wise Congressmen seem not
to have supposed that we were making \$6500. loss by wastage
in one year when the put down 3000 for contingent expenses
wastage. What can we do? how can we pay expenses
with an amount of money appropriated?

Dr Riddell's broker, who was foreman in the Melling
department left the Mint sometime ago. I believe
that the Dr will have no trouble in getting an as man
as well qualified to fill his place.

please to consider this letter unofficial
and confidential and believe me

very sincerely
your faithful servant

W. B. M. M. M.

February 1. 1843

To Dr R. M. Patterson.

I sent a newspaper giving the judgement against
the two men who were in the Mint.

Mint U.S. Jan 27 /49.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d, with the accompanying bills for planchets.

The deductions made by us for short weights, are such as we find from actual weighing of the pieces, and have no relation to the weights of the individual planchets. There can be no doubt that the weights you use are too light, - probably from wear.

Our purchase of planchets for gold & silver funds must depend upon an experiment now under trial at New Orleans, and of the ^{result} success of which I am not yet informed. The Treasurer of the Mint there thinks it will succeed - the Superintendent thinks it will not. If the use of copper coins can be introduced fully in the great region of which New Orleans is the commercial capital, the demand for your planchets will be greatly increased, and of course payment for them will be made in ordinary funds.

R. M. P.

J.

H

Cross, Crocker, Barr. & Co.

Treasury.

Mass.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
January 26 1843

Sir,

I have sent, by this day's mail, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request, that he will transmit the same to you, under his frank, a package containing the assaying taken from deliveries made at this Mint in 1842, after the resumption of our operations. A memorandum thereof is enclosed.

You will also find, herewith forwarded, a copy of a letter from the Treasurer to Mr. Tyler, upon the subject of the gold accounts, and proposing, on the part of the Mott & Refuser, a basis for the settlement of a deficiency in the Corrier's gold account, which I bring as a modification of one suggested by me / met with the concurrence of the latter, as well as the approval of the other Officers. I did not myself communicate to you the existence of that deficiency, which was known to me about the middle of December, for fear of creating in you, an alarm, which, I felt sure, would turn out to be a false one. Dr. Riddell was making daily examinations of his gold, each of which led to the discovery of an additional excess, and I thought it prudent to wait until the end of the year / then seven at hand / when, upon the settlement of the Mott and Refuser's account, the total surplus of gold, in his hands

would be ascertained - When this took place Mr. Tyler was credited with 2,380.⁰⁰ (the amount of Dr. Riddell's exerts and wastage) and this, both officers, with a wastage considerably short of that limited by law, have accounted for all the gold delivered to them in 1842. I saw no other mode in which the matter could be settled - That the aggregate amount of wastage claimed was, actually made, I have no doubt, but I think also, that Dr. Riddell's must have greater - This belief is based upon the fact of his having had a very large proportion of gold that required parting. Mr. Tyler, however, was satisfied with the arrangement, and I assented to it.

I have asked for the opinions of my associates in the Mint, as to the probable manner, in which the error (which is attributed to the displacing of some parcel of bullion by the Porter during one of the transfers) has occurred, and will communicate them to you should you desire it; altho, they can rest upon nothing but conjecture. The thing is to guard against a recurrence of that error, and that we will do so, I think I can promise you.

I hold our sweep subject to your order, for I see no prospect of disposing of them here. Shall I ship them to New York as before, the first chance to settle for the same with you?

Is there any means of testing the accuracy of the amount claimed for wastage? That in the Silver accounts, Mr. Tyler's particularly, is very large.

Provided it be within the legal limits, I do not see how I could withhold my warrant therefor, without casting an imputation upon the honesty of the Officer.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Y^r obed^t servant.

J^{as} M^{rs} Henry

R. M. Patterson Esq

Sup^t

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia

I beg you to excuse the appearance of this letter - It was accidentally torn after being finished, and too long to be repaired in time for the mail -

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, January 17, 1843

Sir,

I was prevented, in the first instance, from sending you the accounts of the Mellen and Comin, presented at the end of the year, in consequence of not having received the necessary statement and Certificate relative to the grain and crops, and afterwards, by sickness in my family, one member of which (my wife) is still confined to her bed. I have concluded to enclose those documents without any further delay, and must request your indulgence, if an interval of a few days, should now occur, before you receive the remarks I have to make in relation to them and to other business concerning our Mint.

All the dies mentioned in your letter of the 5th instant have come to hand. Mr. Tyler asks for 3 tail 1/2 dollar Dies and 1 tail Eagle as soon as they can be finished, and for 2 tail 1/2 Eagles and 2 20/100 Eagles as soon thereafter as convenient. —
Respectfully,
R. M. Patterson Esq. & } Deo. Servant
Director of the Mint of the U.S. }
Philad. } J. M. McKim Esq. Sub.

To The Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, in account with the Meltor & Refiner, Gold. Cr.

1852			Comecs	dec
Decr	31	To amt of Gold & Silver delivered to him during the year 1852.	47,581	400
"	"	" Amt of Gold & Silver delivered him this day, in settlement	9,086	001
"	"	" Net amount of Gold in Treasury from his, as per assay's certificate.	10	941
"	"	" Postage	76	000
			57,004	342

Postage 1/2 p. 1852

1852			Comecs	dec
Decr	31	By Gold & Silver rec'd from him during the year 1852.	57,004	342
			57,004	342

Meltor & Refiner's Office
Decem 31, 1852.
(Signed) J. D. P. Meltor & Refiner

dear Sir

Annexed I send you the weights of the overages mentioned in my last letter to you.

I now enclose copy of my ordinary accounts which I sent away by the mail today.

Silver Coinage, in Bullion accounts, has been paid \$4,606.84 being amount of the debit of profit & loss acc'ts up to 30 Sept. and includes the wastage from the first establishment of the mint to the end of the past year.

A part of this sum has been charged to "Coinage Expenses" and a part to "Incidental & Contingent Expenses" to the latter I charged just thought to absorb the balance, which had been increased by placing to the credit of that account on the Books of the Register in Washington a sum of \$2868. recovered from Mr Forstall, late Treasurer.

In the above sum of \$4606.84 is included the deficiency found in Mr Forstall's bullion accounts and which was charged to P & L by recommendation of the Clerks in the Treasury department.

Dr Reidell informs me this morning that he will to day deliver Silver fragments to us to reduce the balance of Silver in his hands below 2000 ounces. He informs me that all of his base bullion has been worked up and that he is now going to attack the Gold, of which he had two days ago 15,600 ounces on hand, most vigorously. He complains very

From H. C. Cammack
 Treas. Pr. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan. 20. 1843.

Rec^d Feb. 2. —

Weight of Sovereigns & half d. for Saint Nicholas Egg
 Containing in Bond marks S.N. # 1. & 2. — Dec. 21st 1842

Bag No.	1000	Sovereigns	Amount due
1	1000	do	255 12
2	1000	do	255 17
3	1000	do	256 09
4	1000	do	255 12
5	1000	do	255 33
6	1000	do	254 95
7	1000	do	255 17
8	1000	do	255 25
9	1000	do	255 02
10	1000	do	254 85
11	1000	do	255 06
12	1000	do	254 95
13	1000	do	254 31
14	1000	do	255 14
15	1000	do	255 12
16	1000	do	255 10
17	1000	do	255 10
18	1000	do	255 05
19	1000	do	255 16
20	1000	do	254 99
21	1000	do	255 16
22	1000	do	254 90
23	1000	do	255 16
24	1000	do	254 94
25	1000	do	255 27
Av: 255.126			6378 17

Weight of 30000 Sovereigns at the Branch Mint New
Orleans. Weighs for Samuel Nicholson & S. C. Bell Cash

One draught.	1.022.77
One do	1.533.97
One do	1.278.30
One do	1.278.38
One do	1.278.55
One do	1.278.60
	<hr/> 7.670.57

av: 255.685.

1225.20

5113.700

Much of the trouble and time required in parting
South American doubloons. Do you find the
same inconvenience at your mint? He now has
the man from our Sayer's department to assist him.

I am, truly
your obt. servant
A. C. Cramm

To
J. P. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

New Orleans
January 20 1843

Q. The Voucher States for the "Office Expenses" of the Branch
Mint at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from
the 1st of October, to the 31st of December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance
of Warrants of the Superintendent, of the marginal dates &
number, viz:

1842	No			dolls	cts
Nov. 9	475	Dring, Felt & Co	for Stationery for the mint	77	00
Dec. 29	540	Buys. Levy	" do do	19	25
				\$	96 25

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Dec. 31st 1842

Recd. Feb. 2. 1843.

Copy.

Dr. The United States for the "Coinage Expenses" of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st of October to 31st of December 1842, inclusion, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the mint at date & number.

1842	No.		Dolls	Cts
Oct 15	415	J. G. Blane for fire bricks & tiles for the mint	70	25
"	449	George Tyler making printing plates for Coining Dept.	52	50
"	450	Albert Evans making iron pump for Boilers	107	25
"	455	John C. Brown hilt & mittens for melting dept.	185	-
"	22475	J. Lewis Nitric Acid for do do	152	06
Nov. 9	476	R. Taylor Esq. Hardware for the mint	257	37
"	478	J. H. Littlejohn Wood for the Coining department	125	-
"	480	John C. Stewart Coal do do	400	-
"	481	J. Trimmer Castings for melting do	87	83
"	482	John J. Colman brass Casting for Coining do	102	50
"	483	E. T. White Charcoal for melting do	165	00
"	485	Daniel Dana brass weight for Steam Engine	40	00
10	486	T. Hart Charcoal for melting department	315	45
"	487	Zachary Stiles Candles do do	57	24
"	488	Thomas B. Winston Resin dress do do	174	77
"	489	J. Engman Crucibles do do do	31	31
"	491	W. L. Thompson Esq. Coal for the Coining do	55	-
"	492	M. H. B. Turner Iron pipe for the melting do	39	75
"	493	Long Smith Copper pans for Coining do	157	38
"	494	Quinn & Rucker putting bottom in gutting lat. Melting Dept.	10	00
"	495	J. Lewis Maltby druggs for the melting dept.	46	26
"	499	G. A. Morrison Crucibles for do do	46	98
12	501	John Clark Blacksmith's Work in do do	341	57
"	502	G. C. M. Gorman ash Wood for the Coining do	80	00
"	503	Daniel McCallum Wood do do do	80	00
"	504	John P. Clay bill of plumbing for the mint	208	42
14	505	Patte Forman Charcoal for the melting dept.	50	00
15	507	M. Doan Charcoal do do do	52	50
Amount Carried forward			\$ 3,471	69

1842	No.	Amount brought forward	
Nov. 16	508	Chambers & Long for lime slung for melting dept.	11 75
"	509	Amstrong & Senter Iron work in Coining dept.	45 00
"	510	Ship Chas. Owens freight of coal from Phila.	10 90
"	511	Francis Longy Malon Work in melting dept.	35 00
"	512	R. D. Saunders Esq. Wood for Coining dept.	90 00
"	513	John L. Clay Spills for the melting dept.	80 72
"	514	Mattay & Black Oil Nitric for do do	37 68
"	515	Wm. M. Tyler Use of machine for Counting coins	126 66
"	519	Matthew Dick Coal for the melting dept.	35 10
"	520	J. Hart Charcoal for do do	79 57
"	521	John Carstey making four tubs for do do	20 00
"	527	A. C. Lane Charcoal for do do	12 00
"	528	John Lombard 256 tons Coal for the mint	855 00
"	529	J. W. Alderman Cherry lumber for Coining dept.	22 75
"	531	M. Wilder drayage of Coal to the mint	170 75
"	532	Morgan Esq. Nitric acid for melting dept.	34 25
"	533	Wm. Foreman refining potash for do do	43 29
"	534	John Johnston freight of weights from Phila.	16 50
"	535	Norman White Charcoal for the melting dept.	90 00
"	536	T. B. Foley Wood for the Coining dept.	10 00
"	537	Jacob Hart Charcoal for the melting dept.	52 53
"	538	Chas. Patterson Cotton Cloth for do do	8 75
"	542	John Stout Charcoal for do do	20 00
"	543	Silver Coinage Balance (in part) of Profitless on the Bullion Books of the mint to 30 th Sept. last	1,330 15
"	544	R. D. Saunders Esq. ash Wood for Coining dept.	112 50
"	551	R. M. Patterson Prints Expenses incurred at Phila. for the Branch Mint for accompanying bills is paid to R. B. Bowley per receipt No. 125	\$ 6 00
"	"	" M. Banning " " " 125	15 50
"	"	" B. B. M. M. M. " " " 129	11 00
"	"	" James Edgar " " " 130	2 50
"	"	" Joseph Harris " " " 135	1 31
U. S. Branch Mint at New Orleans, Treasurer's Office 31 st Dec. 1842			\$ 6,560 43

Dr. The United States for the "House Expenses" of the Branch
Mint New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the
1st of October to 31st December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of
Warrants of the Superintendent of the Mint dated November, viz:

1842	No.			Doll	Cts
Nov. 9	477	Caroline Darnall	for candles & oil for the mint	114	22
	484	J. B. Syle	expenses incurred, etc. of the mint	25	40
10	490	J. A. Lacroix	Lard, candles, &c. for the melting dept.	48	19
	497	A. W. Wagner	Candles, oil &c. for Coining dept.	85	52
15	506	W. P. Perrier	Painting in the melting dept.	37	25
Dec. 6	516	J. L. Warner	Ice furnished the mint in summer	67	00
7	517	J. Braugh	Haying in the mint	19	00
9	518	J. Connolly & M. Lins	Piling Coal in Mint Yard	24	00
10	522	John Canoll	day Watch &c. in Oct & Nov.	101	66
	523	W. Parks & H. Claman	Porter & dockage in do & do	223	66
	524	W. Whitney & others	Watching the mint in do & do	437	16
12	526	Philip Smyth	Piling Coal in the yard of the mint	24	00
29	539	George Fox	Carpenter's Work in the mint	53	00
	541	John S. Schaw	Oil for Coining dept.	33	30
31	547	W. Whitney	Watching the mint in December	222	16
	548	J. Claman & W. Parks	Porter & dockage in do	113	67
	549	J. F. Girault	expenses incurred, ant. of the mint	147	82
	550	John Canoll	day Watch & yard labour in Dec.	37	67
				\$1,525	68

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasury Office December 31st 1842

Dear Sir

There has been some discussion here lately, as to the legal value of Sovereigns. - Large amounts have been received from England, and run off as remittances, which have been offered to the Banks at 94 in cents per penny weight, which the holders contend is their legal value, but at which rate they have been refused. - I have been appealed to several times, to determine the value of these Coins, and have stated that not being 22 Carats fine, it was my opinion, that their intrinsic value was not, and that I doubted if they were a legal tender at 94 in cents. I don't.

In some instances, they have been sent to my office to be weighed, to decide the value, and I have returned it, at the amount they would produce by being coined. - Most of the Sovereigns that have been received here from England, and which are said to have been received from the Bank of England, are light. - A weighed is the weight of 25,000 received by Mr Saml Nicholson of this City, which were weighed, and returned to him - they were evidently old coins, and many of them of the Coinage of George III.

A sum of 25,000 Sovereigns, owned also by Mr Nicholson, has since been weighed, which showed about the same result. - I have seen the letters from the Shippers of these Coins, which say that they are from the Bank, and that they are full weight. - I conclude that the Shippers have received them as such, and that the Bank, or its Branch in Liverpool, has been getting clear of them light.

light Gold, by assay - Mr. Nicholson is the Partner or
Agent of Messrs Brown Brothers & Co, and their various Connections in
Philadelphia, Baltimore and Liverpool, and I am very desirous of
knowing, if my views on this matter be correct - It seems to
me that the whole question resolves itself in this - does the
Act of Congress of June 1834 fix the Standard of the Gold of
England, or is it to be fixed by the Director of the Mint of
the U. S. by assays to be caused to be made by him -

I will be much obliged to you for your views
and direction on this subject -

I am very sincerely
Your faithful Servant
J. C. Hammond

Br. Mint New Orleans
New January 18-1843.

The account of weights not ready to night, I will
send them tomorrow -

John R. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

private

New Orleans 9. January 1843.

dear Sir

Annexed is a memo of the settlements made with the Corrier & Miller & Thifiner which I closed on Friday. The recommended operations today but as yet no bonus for of ingots has been made. Tomorrow we will be able to get some and start the engine again. The Corriage for last year is very respectable in amount. Of the melting department unless kept the Corriage department at full work we could run, this year, more than double that of last. but it cannot be done. Dr. Rixwell ^{thinks} that with two men more he could do it, but even this I doubt. I have thought of the propriety of his having one man more and paying him from the Contingent fund. Do you think such would be proper? I have not seen the appropriation bill that has lately passed.

The deposits now in my possession are 220,000 \$ in Gold and 40,000 in Mexican Dollars. At your mint is the bullion delivered to the M & R. as soon as the title is ascertained or from time to time as required? The amount in the hands of D.R. now is large - particularly gold. The Treasurer of the U.S. has sent me two transfer warrants for 50,000 each, due 1 March to add to the Government deposits.

poor William Tyler is very low and cannot last many hours.

I am very truly yours
H. C. Amma

To Dr. Patterson

Melter & Refiners acct of Sullivan

1842.
 Dr. Silver 1,395,934.56
 Cr. 1,342,555.35
 Balance 53,379.21
 Sullivan weigher 53,520.29
 In Drains & exp. 844.51
 Wastage 1,714.11 56,379.21

Sold

Dr. 57,002.342
 Cr. 47,881.400
 Balance 9,122.942
 Sullivan weigher 9,026.001
 In Drains & exp. 10,941
 Wastage 76,000 9,122.942

M. & R.	Legal Wastage	Wt.	Actual Wastage	Wt.
Silver	2,797.869 g.	2.	1,714.11 g.	1.22
Gold	85.566	1.5	76.00	1.33
Copper				
Silver	2,690.998	2.	2,018.21	1.49
Gold	71.887	1.5	47.987	0.998

Coiner's Acct of Sullivan

1842.
 Dr. Sold 47,924.914
 Cr. 46,734.007
 Balance 1,190.907
 Sullivan weigher 1,143.050
 Wastage 47.857 1,190.907

Silver

Dr. 1,345,499.56
 Cr. 1,315,931.70
 Balance 29,567.86
 Sullivan weigher 27,549.15
 Wastage 2,018.21 29,567.86

The Copper Coins were landed on Friday only - They
are answer beyond a doubt, but people will be
slow in understanding them - particularly the
French & Spaniards who are the principal vendors
in the markets.

To Doctor R. M. Patterson

W. & A. M. M. M. M.

Philadelphia

Q. B.

From
W. C. Patterson
P. M. M. M.
Dec. 9/49.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, January 5. 1843

Sir,

I forward the statement of our operations during the last month. You will perceive that we have closed the year well. I hope to be able in a few days, to enclose the accounts of the Corner and Matter of Refusal - We have received seven cases of die - I will enumerate them in my next letter -

Respectfully,
J. A. S. S. S.

J. A. S. S. S.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month of December 1842.

Deposits.								Coinage.				
Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Wt.		Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions	Total Value before Deductions	Denomination	Number Pieces	Value	Total Value	
	Ounces	Dec	Ounces	Dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars			Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.								Gold				
Foreign Coins	4.238	74	4.139	602	77.015	85	77.015	Eagles	17.600	176.000	00	
Foreign Bullion	5.908	81	5.290	55	615	11	615					
							77.628				96	
Silver								Silver				
Foreign Coins	44.709	60	44.707	10	52.022	81	52.022	Half Dollars	168.000	78.000	00	
Foreign Bullion	2.525	48	2.730	09	3.176	83	3.149	Quarter Dollars	184.000	46.000	00	
							55.199				63	
Total Deposits							\$132,828	59	Total Coinage		\$300,000	00

Note. Gold deposits were brought to the Mint on the
31 day of Decr 1842. amounting to 9.720.81 ounces, which
were not entered on the books until 2 Jan'y. 1843.
H.C.

3 Jan'y 1843.

W. S. Branch, Cashier of the Branch.
Treasury Office December 31, 1842.
H. C. Hammack
Treas.

Wm. W. L.

Jan. 5, 1843.

Sir,

I am gratified to learn, by your letter of the 3d inst., that you have determined to increase the U. S. deposits at the New Orleans Branch of the Mint. It will greatly facilitate their operations, which are now on a very respectable scale.

The principal ^{work} business of the New Orleans Mint, ^{has been} the coining of quarters, dimes, and half-dimes, and the demand for these coins, after a partial suspension, has again revived. The wishes of the depositors will therefore have the effect of making this still ^{the} principal business at that Mint. It would be impracticable, ~~however~~ ^{and} with their present amount of business, to ^{convert} the work to these small coins, unless at the request of depositors willing to submit to the annoyance of delay ^{and} ~~that would be a great disadvantage to the business of the Mint, and I am sure that would be a great disadvantage to the business of the Mint, and I am sure that would be a great disadvantage to the business of the Mint.~~ ^{in making these deposits.} ~~It is proper to mention that no dollar-pieces have been struck at the New Orleans Mint.~~

Wm. Walter Howard,
Sec. of Treasury

R. M. P. Sec.

(Copy)

Treasurer's Office

5th January 1843.

Sir,

The annual accounts of Dr. Pridmore, Master & Referee, have been handed in to me & copies of them laid before the Superintendent. His Solar account shows an excess of 262.222^{an} without charge for wastage. The Superintendent has returned the account to me, with the following remark on it, of which I have advised the Mr. & R.

Dr. Pridmore has certainly not worked 56.726.120 of Solar without wastage. If he will admit as wastage, in the uncertainty an amount proportionate to that hitherto claimed by him, this, added to the above excess of 262.222^{an}, will satisfactorily explain the deficiency which has occurred in Mr. Pridmore's department.

The average wastage claimed by Dr. Pridmore for the years 1840 & 1841, is about 1¹/₂ in which being allowed on the above 56.726.120 would amount to over 90 ounces, & would make an excess in his hands of 292. ounces. Dr. Pridmore, however, proposes that the deficiency of Solar be divided in the proportions of the limits fixed by law to the Master & Referee & Claim for wastage, viz 2 thousands to the former & 1¹/₂ to you, & thus make the allowance claimed by him 76 ounces, which would be in proportion to the ^{wastage found at the} settlement in Solar last.

I am, Very Respectfully

Yours

(Signed)

W. C. Gammack

Treasurer

To J. P. D. Esq. Esq.
Comptroller

Mint Wash
Jan. 5, 1843.

Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ult.

The articles desired by Dr. Hart and Dr. Ridgell ^{shall} be sent to you as soon as possible. ^{The mounting cases will be made by the glass}

^{matrices in Boston.}
I am aware that the attempt to introduce copper coins at New Orleans is a somewhat doubtful experiment, but your further papers show that the use of these coins is desired by many of your citizens.

I have received to-day a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, of which a copy is subjoined. I rejoice that your ^{obj.} deposit is to be increased, as to limiting your silver coinage to pieces less than a dollar, that is already done; but the spirit of the communication ^{seems} looks to pieces less than the half-dollar. I have answered the Secretary, by stating that the demand for ~~small~~ half-dollars small silver coins, after a partial suspension, had revived, so that this coinage would no doubt again ~~be~~ make up a large part of your business; but that, with the amount of work you were now called upon to do, it would be impracticable for you to limit your ^{silver} coinage to these small pieces, except for depositors who desired to have them, and were willing to submit to the consequent delay in receiving their returns. —

to say this in your favor
I am sure, however, that you will not fail to
comply with the desire of the Board of
Treasurers, as far as

Mr. Tyler has informed me of an extraor-
dinary loss that has made its appearance in his
gold account, but states that a corresponding
gain occurs in Dr. Riddell's. I am greatly
interested to know the ^{facts} ~~result~~ of this important
case. It appears, from his letter, that he has
found you had already written to me on the
subject of so much moment, but your letters
are silent with regard to it.

I am very anxious to know the result of
your mastage account for the past year. Our
stands as follows:

Melter & Refiners' mastage on	oz.	2,152,412.00
Silver, delivered to him during the year		981.20
Corresponding to - - - - -		0.475 ¹⁰⁰
M. & R.'s mastage on gold , viz.		81,439.846
of gold, - - - - -		0.000

Chief Coiner's mastage on	oz.	2,041,762.800
Silver, delivered to him during the year		836.723
Corresponding to, - - - - -		0.410 ¹⁰⁰

C.C.'s mastage on	oz.	80,097.600
Gold, - - - - -		26.176
Corresponding to - - - - -		0.327 ¹⁰⁰

To/ For. Mr. Kennedy, Esq. }
Dep. Sec. of the Treasury }
at New York. }

P.M. P.
D.O.

P.S. The following has been sent to you
through the Sec. of Treasury:

Dec. 14, No. 1, 1 pr. 2 dollar dis, &c as recorded
in Mr. Mint Book, Dec. 27, 1862, which see.

Some mistake occurred in numbering the boxes,
in Mr. Dunn's absence; so that you probably
received No. 11 before No. 9. - No. 10 has ~~not~~ ^{been} sent.

from
received
This day.
Here copy my letter to Sec. of Treasury

Treasury Department
January 3. 1843.

Sir

Referring to your communication of the 8th ultimo I have to inform you that the Department has decided to increase the Deposit of the Treasury of the United States with the Branch Mint at N. Orleans by the sum of One hundred thousand dollars. This sum it is hoped will enable that Branch to pay promptly the deposits of bullion for coinage.

Should it not in your opinion be expedient to confine the coinage at that Branch to pieces of a less denomination than \$1. the smaller the better. If so I will thank you to give the necessary directions to that effect.

I remain very Respectfully

Yours

Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

over

P.S. As the Treasurer has no funds to the South -
two transfer drafts of \$50,000. each have been issued
in fav. of the Treasurer Dr. Mint at N. Orleans on the
Banks of N. York - payable on the 1st of March next.

Assayer's Office, U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans

I hereby certify that I have carefully assayed
and estimated the Gold & Silver Bars & Grams
in the Melted & Refining department, & the same
being upright, the net value of each is to the best
of my judgment & belief as follows:

Amount of Silver Bars	552.81	
do. Grams	292.00	844.81

Amount of Gold Bars	8.94	
do. Grams	2.00	10.94

2 Jan'y 1843.

Wm. P. Holt

Assayer.

Statement of Graving & Smelting, Nov. 31st 1842

Parcel A. Parcel No. 1 to 9
 4000^{lb} av. weight
 851 m weight of fine bullion from 5 oz. Fry.
 10 1/2 m of Gold
 363.24 Standard oz. of Silver.
 4.483 Standard oz. of Gold.
 \$300. Expense of smelting at \$7 1/2 per cent.
 \$506.01. Total gross value.

Parcel B.C.D.H. Parcel No. 10 to 21
 5540^{lb} av.
 12 grains fine bullion in 5 oz. Fry.
 7 m thereof gold.
 443.38 Standard oz. of Silver.
 \$375. Expense of smelting at \$7 1/2 per cent.
 \$574.33. Total gross value.

Parcel F.G. 2735^{lb} av.
 1.132 m fine Silver in 5 oz. Fry.
 319.50 Standard oz. of Silver.
 \$180. Cost of smelting at \$7 1/2 per cent.

Parcel G. 765^{lb} av.
 94 m gold in 5 oz. Fry.
 8.513 Standard oz. of gold.

In grains 292 Standard ounces of Silver.
 2 Standard ounces of gold.

Total amt. of Silver 844.81 Standard ounces.

do of Gold 10.241 Standard ounces.
 Signed J. S. Richards M^r

W. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 10th 1844

Sir,

I send herewith statement of our operations during the last month, and list of assays & pieces received from deliveries made at our Mint within the same period. The box containing them, marked N^o 5, will be transmitted to you, thro' the Treasury Department, by tomorrow's mail.

Very respectfully,

J. A. S.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia

J. M. Thomas
Supt.

List of Gold & Silver Coins received for paying at
the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of June 1864.

1864			Dollars	Cts
June	15	34 Half Dollars.	17	00
"	20	6 ditto.	3	00
"	29	24 ditto.	12	00
"	"	11 ditto.	5	50
			\$	37 50
June	29	Sold. 40 Half Eagles.	200	00
		Total	\$	237 50

Doc A. 5.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1864.
Accomm. act
Treasurer
Wm. P. North
Officer

Three slips of silver, sent
from the New Orleans Mint,
with a request to have them
assayed &c.

Sent Jan 24: Recd July 3. '44.

allent N.Y. Phil. July 5/46.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the notices you have
taken to bring our copper account to a close.
On the receipt of the ^{amount of the check} ~~check~~ of cents, ~~amounted~~
by you, that transaction will be at an end.

The pieces of silver sent by you have
been arranged separately by Mr. Eckfeldt, although
they were undistinguished, and seem to have
been taken from the same bar. The results
are

897.8

898.2

898.5.

R. M. P.

Wm. C. Camacho, Esq.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
July 3rd 1844

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of all the boxes
together with the dis. announced in your letter of the 19th
instant.

I gladly avail myself of your offer to make application
for us, to the Secrelary of the Treasury, for leave to
suspend the operations of our Mint during the months
of August and September. Your approbation of the
request, will no doubt more readily induce the consent
of the Department.

I will, in a day or two, draw in your favor for the \$4000
appropriated for new machinery. When Mr. T. left
here, I desired him to be guided, in every thing relating
to the new M. of S. by your directions. You will confer
a great obligation on me, by requiring every item of
expenditure to be submitted for your approval, and
also by paying the bills contracted by him, upon his
order. I can imagine no better means of insuring
the money's being well spent, and express my

Satisfaction, before hand, with any other mode
of Payment that you may deem preferable.

Yours very respectfully
J. M. Patterson, Esq. of the U.S.
Director of the Mint

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
J. M. Patterson

Received of J. M. Patterson, Esq. of the U.S. Director of the Mint the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of gold coins.

Received of J. M. Patterson, Esq. of the U.S. Director of the Mint the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of gold coins.

J. M. Patterson

1862

W. S. March, M. S. M. S. M. S.
Treasurer's Office June 24th 1843.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with a suggestion made by you
in your letter of the 11th Inst. I have shipped the Copper Coins
which remain on hand (excepted) back to Philadelphia. They are
on board the Steamer Robert Morris, being 4 Tons, less of
loading for which is enclosed, which, please hand to your Agent.

The amount of the above sales of 16,520 cents of
I enclose \$165.20 for which I will remit a cheque as soon
as I can get one at hand.

I am, Sir, with much respect

Yours most Obediently

W. S. March

Treasurer

To: J. R. M. Patterson
Director, W. S. M. S.
Philadelphia.

P. I enclose three small pieces of silver, which
oblige me, by having them assayed & report the title.

Mint U. S.
June 24, 1844.

Sir,
I send enclosed a statement of my
account with you for the quarter ending on
the 30th inst. A balance remains, in my
hands, to your credit, of \$107.96.

R. M. P.

W. C. Cammack, Esq.

Allist M. L.
Jan 19/44.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., with the statement of the operations of your Mint for the month of May; and I have, to-day, received the box of assay coins announced in the same letter.

Mr. Eckfeldt has assayed the slip of silver sent to you by Mr. Meek, and finds its title to be $85\frac{7}{8}$ per ~~cent~~.

Mr. Tyler has arrived among us, and has already begun to take measures for his new press. I am sorry to say that Congress has cut down your appropriation for new machinery to \$4000. This is the only change, I believe, that they have made from my last estimate, and I am confident that it has arisen from some mistake, for the Committee of Ways & Means assured me that they had adopted the whole estimate as I presented it.

Mr. Tyler has determined, I think wisely, to build a press of the largest size, a fac-simile of the last which we have made, and which works admirably. By following this model, he gains the very great advantage of using all our patterns for his castings &c. I hope that he will be able to complete the press for \$4000. If he were to build it, by contract, I suppose it would cost five or six thousand; but he will hire a shop to stand power, and tools, and will employ his workmen under his own superintendence, and will thus save the master-workman's profits.

After the close of the present month, the appropriation for new machinery will be subject to your requisitions, and the necessary funds may be put at the command of Mr. Tyler. It will be proper for you to require of him vouchers for every expenditure, and to guard his disbursements by a rigid system of accountability.

From time to time, to assist his demand in favor of Mr. Tyler at Philadelphia.

~~But this plan another is to make the requisitions in my favor, and for me to open an account with Mr. Tyler. This is a transaction and disbursements which I would gladly avoid; but if you think it more safe and calculated to establish a more guarded system of accountability, I cannot refuse to submit to it.~~

Since I began this letter, I have received yours of the 10th. — I agree with you that it would be, ~~very~~ desirable that the operations of your Mint should be suspended for the months of August and September; but I think that this course should never be taken without the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury. I will make this application for you, if you desire it.

I am sorry to say that I cannot see how Mr. Givault's salary can be increased, without ~~asking~~ ^{proposing} Congress an amendment of the present law which limits the salaries of Clerks to \$1200.

Thos. M. P. Kennedy, Esq.
Dep. Sec. of the Treasury
New Orleans.

Th. M. P. Dr.

To Hon. W. Kennedy, Esq.
 U.S. Br. Min.
 New Orleans.
 June 10/44.

P.S. Since ~~box No. 12~~ sending to you the dies,
 the receipt of which is acknowledged in your
 letter of the 10th inst., the following additional ones
 have been forwarded. -

June 16,	Box No. 13 -	1 st Eagle dies
12	" " 14 -	1 " 1/2 doll. "
13	" " 15 -	1 " 1/2 Eagle "
14	" " 16 -	1 " 1/4 doll. "
15	" " 17 -	1 " Eagle "
17	" " 18 -	1 " 1/2 doll. "
18	" " 19 -	1 " 1/2 eagle "
19	" " 20 -	1 " 1/4 doll. "

Attn: Mr. L.
Room 11 / Mr.

encl.
Sir, I send, by the present mail, a box
of dies for the Branch at New-
Orleans, and will send seven more, ~~in~~ by
successive mails; and have respectfully
to request that you will forward them
under your frank as heretofore.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 8th, respecting the pur-
chase of copper plumbets for the attaint,
and will reply to it as soon as I re-
ceive information for which I have applied
to the Board from which we ^{now} receive our
supplies.

R. M. P.

J. J. McClellan Young, Esq. }
Secretary of the Treasury, }
Ad. int. v. v. }

San Francisco, June 10, 1884

I enclose, in my letter of the 5th inst., to
acknowledge the receipt of boxes no. 5, 6 & 7,
containing the dis. mentioned in yours of the 11th.
We have also received
the 1st box containing 100 lbs. of
" " " " 2 do do do
" " " " 1 1/2 do Eagle do
" " " " 1 1/2 do do do
" " " " 1 1/2 do do do

Will you give me your opinion of the propriety
of our suspending during August and September?
The repairs required in the different departments,
can, it is true, with one exception / the laying
a new floor in the rolling room, which will occupy
about two weeks / be carried on, without the
necessity of any interruption in our operations,
but, the two months, mentioned above, being

the most oppressive we have, and the men
having for a long time past undergone severe
labour, it would be well to give them the
period stated, for a resting space. They
would, in the fall, be enabled to go to work,
with renewed vigour, and, our year's campaign
would not, I think, be materially affected
by it.

I hope you will approve of the
effort now making, by Mr. S. L. Smith, to have
his salary increased - Mr. S. L. Smith, I hear,
is to lay the matter before you.

N. M. Patterson Esq

Very respectfully,

J. M. Smith
J. M. Smith

Director
the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa. 1877
Jan 10 1877
P. M. Smith

Received
of the
J. M. Smith
Jan 10 1877

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 5. 1844

Sir,

I send you Statement of our operations
in May, and list of Silver Coins, received in the
same month. The box containing them, marked N:
4, goes also by this day's mail. I likewise transmit
herewith, a letter to Mr. Cammack, from one of our
deposits. Please have the stripe it encloses, assayed,
and let us know the result. We have no proof beyond
the word of the writer, that it has been taken from
one of the bars, constituting his deposits. His
assertion, however, I must add, we have no reason
to doubt. I am requested by Mr. Brooks, to order
3 p. 1/2 dollar, and 2 p. 1/4 dollar die.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Respectfully,

E. A. Sen

J. M. McKim

Sup.

Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of May 1854.

Deposits.						Coinage.			
Description of Bullion	Sept Weight	Standard	Value before	Value after	Total Value	Denomination	Number	Value	Total Value
	after melting	Weight	Deductions	Deductions	before Deductions				
	Ounces dwt	Ounces dwt	Dollars ct	Dollars ct	Dollars ct			Dollars ct	Dollars ct
<u><i>Sold</i></u>						<u><i>Sold</i></u>			
Foreign Coins	1717 49	1738 657	32347 09	32347 09		Half Eagles	16,000	80,000 00	
Foreign Gold	47 54	27 685	515 08	515 08		Eagles	14,000	140,000 00	
U.S. Bullion	143 85	132 170	2458 98	2458 98					
					35,321 15				220,000 00
<u><i>Silver</i></u>						<u><i>Silver</i></u>			
Foreign Coins	82,995 00	82,631 29	96,152 77	96,152 77		Half Dollars	442,000	221,000 00	
Foreign Gold	2,302 08	2,172 61	2,528 13	2,528 75		Quarter Dollars	116,000	29,000 00	
					98,680 90				250,000 00
							558,000		
					Total Deposits.		Total Coinage		\$470,000 00
					\$134,002 05				

W. P. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1854.
W. C. Hammond
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*List of Gold & Silver Coins received & Offsetting during May, 1844.
at the Branch Mint at New Orleans.*

<i>1844</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>	<i>Quarters Dolls.</i>	<i>Half Dolls.</i>	<i>Half Eagles</i>	<i>Eagles</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
<i>May 15</i>			<i>8</i>			<i>4 00</i>
<i>" 17</i>			<i>20</i>			<i>10 00</i>
<i>" 21</i>			<i>12</i>			<i>6 00</i>
<i>" 25</i>					<i>14</i>	<i>140 00</i>
<i>" 27</i>			<i>20</i>			<i>10 00</i>
<i>" 31</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>28</i>			<i>19 75</i>
<i>" "</i>				<i>16</i>		<i>80 00</i>
		<i>23</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>267 75</i>
<i>Box 2-4.</i>						

*United States Branch Mint.
New Orleans May 31st 1844.*

Wm. H. Root Payor

*H. C. Lammack
Treasr.*

Minist of the United States.
June ~~22nd~~ 4th, 1845.

Sir,
~~Have~~ In reply to the questions your
letter of the 22d ult., I send you the fol-
lowing results of our experience at this
Minist.

I have copy the enclosed sheet of rules,
Encl. B. 1.

When any case occurs in which a confirma-
tion of your assays by at this Minist
is deemed ~~rather~~ desirable, our services
may always be communicated.

R. M. S.

Dr.

J. H. C. Cummack, Esq.
(Miner of Brunswick),
New Orleans.

Postscript
over.

P.S. The nature of this letter is very
urgent that the abortive coffee transaction
between us should be brought to a close.
He has a very proper ambition as a prompt
accountant, and does not like that this
account should be left so long open on
his books. I have suggested to you,
that if you could not otherwise dispose
of the amount of coffee coins in your
hands, they should be sent back to
us here.

R.M.D.

Portuguese gold varies from 912
to 914 fine, or 94.26 to 94.47 cl. per
dot. It averages midway. - This of
course refers to the genuine coinage; ^{but} there
is (or has been) a plentiful currency
of joes & h joes, not more than 875 fine,
of private manufacture, & extremely like
the genuine. Pieces of this kind get
in with the others sometimes, and
reduce the assayer's report.

The term "South American
doubletons" is so general, that a
satisfactory reply can hardly be given
to this ^{inquiry} ~~query~~. Doubletons of La Plata,
Ecuador, and Cent. America might
lose as much as is stated. These, however,
are very rare, at least with us; the
only kind of doubletons of low fineness
which come to us in any quantity are
those of Popayan mint; it will be
seen in the "Manual of Coins" (article
Colombia) that these average only

P.S. The ~~condition~~ ^{condition} of this audit is very
urgent that ~~between us~~ ^{between us}
He has a very
accountant
account that
his books
that if you
of the account
hands, they
are here.

\$15.39. Still, this would make less
than one-half the deficit complained
of.

Many trials here, show that the
old U.S. ^{gold} coins, of 1796 to 1832, will
not run higher than 911 to 912 fine.
The reason of this is shown by referring
to the Registers of the Assayers of that
period, where it appears they were
in the habit of rating Portuguese
gold at 22 carats (916 2/3) and British
British gold at 22-0 1/2 to 22-0 1/2
(918 to 919.3) fine. ~~The principal~~
~~material for our gold coinage was from these sources.~~
~~It is not certain that the same was deficient~~
~~in weight, & little alloy was added.~~

Mr. Eckfeldt has always reported
British gold at 915 1/2 fine, which
it has maintained, for more than 80
years, with surprising regularity &
exactness.

Had ^{our} old coinage been
extant in very considerable quantities,
it might have been a question whether
Govt. would not have been bound to

receive them at the Mint at the
purposed fineness, & make good the
deficiency by special appropriation.
But as it happened, our issues had
been nearly all exported & re-coined,
& the remaining coins were not
sufficient to require legislation, or
to make much perplexity. We have
made it a rule, when they come
unmixed with other coins, to report
them at 914. They are always in
small parcels, and the difference
is immaterial, either to the Mint
or the Depositor. ~~However~~, this
departure from rigid assay is
only in consequence of the peculiarity
of the case, and is made in no other
instance.

Copy

U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, June 1. 1844.

P. B. Tyler Esq, Commissioner,

Dear Sir, Our operations, being now greatly reduced with every probability of their continuing so during the remainder of the hot season, I can see no objection to your going in the Alabama, Mr. Stokes having consented to remain in charge of your Department until your return. The length of your absence will of course depend upon the passage of the Appropriation for New Machinery &c. If you should be called upon to superintend the building of a new press, my wish is that you should place yourself entirely under the advice & direction of Dr. Patterson, keeping me informed as to the nature of your arrangements, & the progress of the work. - If not, you will hold yourself in readiness to return, at a moment's warning, to your duties in the Mint. Will your Department require any repairs during the summer? Be good enough to enter your answer to this question upon the order book, stating the nature of them, (if any should be necessary,) & the time in which they can be completed, & also what amount of gold and silver, might, (in case of need,)

be conveniently worked, for month, in your
Department, during your absence.

I am very respectfully,

Yrs. ob. Servt.

(Signed) J. M. Kennedy,
Surpl.

Dear Sir

The deposits in the Mint here during the last month were larger than they have ever before been. I send you copy of our Gold & Silver register showing the description of bullion deposits which will no doubt be useful to you in forming an opinion as to what may be the probable future supply of material for our operations. You will observe that the bulk of the gold deposits, is of the coins of England and France. If the imports into this Country are to continue so much less than the exports exchanges must rise low & specie will be sent here to purchase them. The import of specie into New Orleans since 1 September last has been 7,338,565 Dollars. during the whole of the last year it amounted to 10,415,531 Dollars. A large part of this, principally gold, has gone

into circulation in the upper country, taking the
place of Bank notes.

If the Mint should suspend this
summer I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you
in Philadelphia in August or September.

With great respect
Yours for
your most obedt servant
H. C. Hammett

New Orleans
May 26. 1844

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Unofficial.

Memorandum of Gold Deposited, in April, 1844.

No.	To whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Grains	Standard Weight
92	Lyda & Sordich	French Gold Coins	512	17 460
93	Same	Solid Bars & Dust	902	5 452
94	Bank of Louisiana	Sovereigns	915.5	2.607 954
95	Same	Do	915.5	2.605 940
96	Same	Do	915.5	2.607 894
97	Same	Do	915.5	2.606 163
98	E. E. Smith	Alabama Solid Dust	888	15 298
99	D. M. Connerly	Ditto Bars	972	6 274
		Ditto Dust	955	4 4747
		Ditto do	903	4 7116
100	The City Bank	French Solid Coins	899	6.977 888
		Mixed Coins	910	5 874
101	W. C. Raymond	Ditto	886	28 834
102	General & Bankings	Sovereigns	915.5	1.343 694
103	Same	Do	915.5	1.553 816
104	Same	Do	915.5	1.612 765
105	J. A. Tyler	Mixed Coins	892	22 399
106	Shubert & Pansford	Sovereigns	915.5	1.611 819
107	Same	Do	915.5	1.337 077
108	Same	Do	915.5	1.074 685
		French Solid Coins	899	2.68 701
109	McKinnis & Pradus Bank	Sovereigns	915.5	2.606 652
110	Same	French Solid Coins	899	2.625 629
111	Same	Ditto	899	2.583 656
112	General & Bankings	Ditto	899	1.343 705
113	Same	Sovereigns	915.5	1.343 541
114	Bank of Louisiana	Ditto	915.5	2.608 453
115	Same	Ditto	915.5	2.605 680
116	Same	Ditto	915.5	2.658 121
117	Wm Douglas	Bars of Alabama Solid	542	26 241
118	Roll & Mager	Mixed Coins	895	1.465 21
119	J. H. Sillman	Do Do	895	6 694
		General Forward		44,994 450

		Sight forward		44.994	462
120	W. C. Raymond	Mixed Coins	893	43	677
		French Gold Dust	929	20	056
		Do. Bars	964	11	696
		Mixed Coins	887	19	789
121	Bank of Louisiana	Foreigns	915.5	5.368	227
122	Same	French Gold Coins	899	4.849	625
123	Same	Foreigns	915.5	2.465	482
		Do.	915.5	7.83	769
		Shells & Shells	896	69	549
124	Canal & Banking Co.	French Gold Coins	899	5.69	586
		Shells	892	12	250
125	P. J. Tyle	Gold & silver from shell	30	6	883
		Do. do	20		258
126	Silman & Spyer	Mexican Gold & Foreigns	778	5	679
127	J. H. Silman	Mixed Coins	887	10	259
128	The City Bank	French Coins	899	3.297	142
		Foreigns	915.5	1.864	863
		Mixed Coins	899	18	779
129	Same	Foreigns	915.5	3.60	985
		Do.	915.5	2.76	511
		French Coins	899	2.60	889
130	Francis Fortman	Old French	515	7	441
131	Lyons Solsten	Mexican Gold Bars	780	6	933
132	J. L. Mustain	French Coins	899	69	732
133	Bank of Louisiana	Foreigns	915.5	5.214	850
134	Mechanics & Traders Bank	Do.	915.5	3.909	591
135	The City Bank	French Coins	899	618	811
136	David Solsten	Mexican Gold Bars	842	9	424
		Standard Coins	75.087	513	

Memorandum of Silver Deposits, in April, 1844.

No.	By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Grains	Standard Weight
59	J. J. Tyle	Mexican Dollars & Pistoles	872	4.52 13
60	W. C. Raymond	Old State & Ore Bars	880	3.28 53
61	John J. Wright, Jr.	Mexican Dollars	852	2.01 26
62	Williams, Whitman & Co.	Do. Do	857	91 42
63	W. C. Raymond	Foreign & fine mixed Coins	742	4.13 99
64	J. W. Spinkland	Mexican Dollars	897	86 11
65	P. J. Tyle	Do. Do	897	3.254 35
66	J. A. Kiper	Mexican Dollars & mixed Coins	880	1.48 37
67	Mechanics & Traders Bank	Mexican Dollars	897	4.150 48
68	Lois Bonhomme	Old State & Ore Bars	730	3.47 80
69	Henry W. Brown	Do. & Mexican Dollars	845	88 91
100	J. L. Storey	Mexican Dollars, Pistoles & P. P.	875	1.70 67
101	J. J. Tyle	Do. Do & Pistoles	897	2.56 59
102	Mechanics & Traders Bank	Mexican Dollars	897	4.126 16
103	Canal & Banking Co.	Do. Do	897	5.460 85
104	Same	Do. Do	897	3.264 37
105	J. J. Tyle	Silver Bars	730	1.02 80
106	J. H. Silman	Mixed Coins mostly English	900	89 20
107	Same	Ore King	880	1.38 74
108	P. J. Tyle	Do. Bar	492	1.12 88
		King	557	7 21
109	W. C. Raymond	Foreign & fine mixed Coins	750	6.57 92
		Mixed Coins & Counterfeit	770	1.26 28
110	Canal & Banking Co.	Mexican Dollars	896	4.055 96
111	Same	Do. Do	896	2.856 71
112	Same	Do. Do	896	1.235 85
113	Archibald Dunbar	Old State & Ore Bars	853	1.18 80
114	Francis Fortman	Old State & Ore Bars	853	2.04 38
115	J. J. Tyle	Mexican Dollars	862	2.24 46
116	J. L. Storey	Mexican Dollars & Pistoles	855	90 39
117	Sumner & Upman	Do. Change & mixed Coins	874	1.05 09
		Standard Coins	264.069	54

Unofficial

New Orleans May 22. 1844

Sir

The enclosed note from the Cashier of the Bank of Louisiana was handed to me this morning. We have not found the title of gold and gold to run over 911 fine at this branch mint while that of June 1844 requires that it shall be received in payment at $94\frac{3}{10}$ Cents per pennyweight.

I am at a loss to know how to answer this note. I will be glad if you will instruct me.

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the result of deposits made with us for coinage, and particularly by Mr Severich respecting a deposit of 4500 South American Doubloons which made a loss of about 113. \$ on the valuation of 15.53

It would be much more satisfactory to me if we could convince him of the correctness of our assays, by having them tested and confirmed by your assayers, to whom, occasionally, assay pieces could be sent.

Such,

I believe, was the practice of the Society when
Mr Forstall was its Treasurer.

I am, with great
respect, Sir
Your most abt servant
H. C. M. M. A. C. R.

I will be obliged if you will
not consider it necessary
to allude to your correspondence
with me when you have occasion
to act on any subject on which
I may write. —

To Doctor R. M. Patterson

Bartholomew

New York, 21 May 1846.

W. C. Cammack Esq.

Treasurer of N. Y. B. Bank

Dear Sir

Please inform me the
Value per dest. of Old American Gold Coins
primarily to the Act of Congress of 1834: also the
Value per dest. of Portuguese Gold Coins =

Yours. M. W. W. W.

Mount Vernon May 16/44.

Sir,

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the report of the operations of your effort for Africa. (The amount of your deposits and coinage is such as has not failed to draw attention to the importance of the establishment under your charge.)

I have also received your box No. 3 of coins returned for the annual assay, with the corresponding statement of the Treasurer, and your letter of 5th inst.)

Your various commissions have been put into the charge of Mr. Sturtevant, and will be attended to without delay. The half-dollar trial dies will be sent to-day.

I thank you for your attention in sending me the copy of the petition filed against yourself and your ~~associates~~ fellow officers for the recovery of the square of ground occupied by the effort. You have taken the proper course, in ~~now~~ placing your case in the hands of the

District Attorney, and referring the whole matter to
the Department. Hope it can be made to ap-
pear that you are not the true party in pos-
session, but mere ministers of the true pos-
sessor and claimants in the United States. — There
is another ground.

R. M. P.

I

To
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Court,
of New Orleans.

Treasury Department
May 15. 1844.

Sir,

I transmit, to your address, by this mail,
a box received, this morning, from the Branch Mint at
New Orleans containing the coins assayed during the
month of April, for assay &c -

I am very Resp^l.
W^m C. Gurney
Sec. of the Mint.

D. W. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

May 14 / 1846.

Mrs. Tyler called upon me with a letter just received from her husband, Philip B. Tyler, Coins of the New Orleans Mint, in which he states that a writ of ejectment had been served upon him and the other officers of that Mint, for holding unlawful possession of property belonging to other persons.

The ground of the claim appears to be this. That the lot occupied by the Mint building formerly belonged to a family named Villers. That in 1757 it was taken possession of by the Spanish Government, for the erection upon it of a Fort, and that it was so occupied until 1819. That ^{under} the laws of Spain, when property thus seized upon by the government ceased to be occupied by it, it reverted to the original individual proprietor, and that 30 years are allowed,

by the Spanish laws, within which time the claim may be legally made. Such claim is now made accordingly made, and suit is brought against the officers of the Mint, in the individual capacities, as the actual occupants of the property. Claim is made not only for the present value, or for the property itself, but also for back rent.

The officers of the New Orleans Mint were preparing a communication on the subject, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Minist of the United States

Philadelphia, May 11, 1844.

Sir,

An absence from the city, on a visit to Washington and to my relatives in Virginia, has thrown my correspondence in arrear; and, even after my return, the application, in your letter of the 12th ult., regarding the proposed absence of Mr. Tyler, ~~detached~~ prevented, by the difficulties which were attached to it, an earlier answer.

If your deposits were to continue to the same extraordinary amount, as they have of late reached to, it would certainly be assuming a high responsibility, to give my approbation to a long-continued absence of the Consul; and, while I felt the importance of the work which he was to superintend here, I could not bring my mind to consent to his leaving his immediate official duties, which they were so great and pressing. A letter received yesterday from Mr. Cramm has served to relieve me, in part, from this difficulty. He states

that the gold price to be in circulation is
more nearly all covered, and that the present
rate of exchange is likely to prevent the con-
tinuance of ^{the} ~~late~~ ^{and} ~~various~~ imputations of
foreign specie. In this case, your mint
operations must be greatly reduced, and
the absence of officers some of the officers, ~~dur-~~
ing ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~absence~~ part of the next decade, may
be justified. Of this I leave this point
you can form a better judgment than my-
self, and if you shall think that the
absence of Mr. Tyler will not be of injury
to your establishment, I shall not with-
hold my consent to it. ^{You will understand of course, that the passage of}
This is, however, a part of the proposition,
as made by Mr. Tyler, which I think objection-
able, and which I am therefore glad to ob-
serve is not ^{presented as} ~~made~~ a necessary condition of
his proposed arrangement, ~~for the making the~~
~~new mint funds here.~~ It is the appoint-
ment of an official Assistant, under the provi-
sion of the 8th Sect. of the Mint act of 1837. I
cannot think that a permanent officer of this
kind is necessary, and I cannot therefore
advise the appointment of such a one be-
cause it would be desirable for the present
temporary occasion.

I wish also that Mr. Tyler should take
care that he be not disappointed as to the ob-
ject of his visit to Philadelphia, by finding
that he will not be able to get the rate of
shops. I understand that the ^{mint} ~~mint~~
are now very generally employed, so that
they could not do without all their rooms and
their tools, and that it might even be diffi-
cult to engage suitable master workmen to en-
gage in the making of the press on their own
account. Mr. Baldwin can give Mr. Tyler
all necessary information on these points.

As to Dr. Riddell's application for leave
of absence "during a portion of the approaching
summer," I would ^{in such a case as this} be liberal in interpreting
the phrase "sufficient cause." I presume that
there can be no doubt of the entire capacity
of Dr. Hort to fulfil the duties of Dr. Riddell's
place during his absence.

I do not know how to help you out of the
difficulty of the 27 working days changed in Decr.
1842. We always pay here by the month of
26 working days, whether it be ~~February~~ or Janu-
ary or February. Our work can never occur
for an over day in the month; and no deduction
made for under days. In truth, the pay is ab-
solute for month; but a day's work is esti-
mated at ~~one~~ ¹/₂₆th part of a month's work.

and over-work is paid by the hour, ~~the~~ each
hour being $\frac{1}{10}$ th of the wages of a day, ~~as was~~
~~these really 27 regular days working days in~~
~~Dec. 1842, as charged?~~ As you have pursued
a different course, however, I should think that your
explanation would be received, and the charge
allowed, especially as you have made corres-
ponding deductions in February. I would ad-
vise, however, that, for the future, you should
adopt the course pursued here.

In answer to your question respecting
Five-mittens, I have to state that, in 1843, we
used

87 sets of long mitts, at \$5.12 1/2 per set, ..	\$435.63
7 " short " " 4.12 1/2 " "	28.87
	<u>\$464.50</u>

The set contains seven pairs.

Of the above amount, \$77.50 worth was for ~~the~~
mittens used in the Coiners' department.

This is a large item of expenditure, and I,
at one time, took great pains to inquire in-
to it thoroughly, and propositions were made
to other persons to make them, and experi-
ments were tried with other materials. The
results ~~were~~ did not lead to any reduction
in the cost.

I regret that I have been deprived of the
pleasure of your intended visit.

Mr. Mr. Taylor has written to me on the
subject of his plan for making the new press

in Philadelphia, I beg that you will communicate to him the views which I have taken of it in this letter.

R. M. P.
D. C.

Of Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Lieut. Br. Mast,
New Orleans.

P.S. Will you do me the favor to inform Mr. Cammick that his drafts on me for \$6,662.20 and for \$60. have been duly honored, and that the balance now in my hands is reduced to \$107.96, of which \$64.36 is due for bills now outstanding.

Please also to inform him that the title of the piece of silver which he sent for assay is 897.77 Wt.

The following things have been sent to you since the last communication:

April 30 - Box No. 5 containing	1 pr. 1/2 eagle dies.
May 1 - " " 6, "	1 pr. do. do.
" 2 - " " 7, "	1 pr. do. do.

Others will follow soon.

U. S. Senate Min^r

New Orleans, May 8. 1844

Sir,

The box^{n^o 3} of assay coins, corresponding with the list enclosed, was transmitted to you by yesterday's Mail, thro' the Secretary of the Treasury - We have received the 4 boxes of dies announced in Mr. Senning's letter of the 18th ult^o - It appears that it is the tail $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar die, of which we are in need, at this moment, having three or four dead dies of that denomination -

I do not desire you to send him two sets of bottles numbered from 1 to 10 for the turned assay of silver. He says, "I lately lost a set, by an accident which was unavoidable at the time, but which cannot again occur" -

Respectfully,
J. M. Starnes

J. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

J. M. Starnes

Sup^t

U.S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, May 7th 1844

Sir

I have kept back, for a day or two, the Statement of our operations in April, for the purpose of enclosing at the same time, a list of the A.P. coins received at this Mint, during the same period. As the boxes in which those coins are to be transmitted, are not finished, the list has not yet been made out. The whole will be forwarded, in the course of the week. I send you, in the supposition, that it will be interesting to you, a copy of a petition filed against myself and my Associates in Office, for the recovery of the square of ground occupied by the Mint. The documents which were served upon me, I immediately put into the hands of the District Attorney, and copies of them have also been laid before the Secretary of the Treasury.

Half, and also 1/4 dollar dies, (the first particularly) are required by us immediately. Be good enough to let us have, if practicable, at least one pair of each, in time to be used before the expiration of the month.

R. M. Patterson Esq. I am very respectfully,
Director of the Mint &c. Yr. ob. Servant
Wm. H. R.

The deposits of \$80,000 in Silver came in at the close of the month and will appear in May.

W. J. Macdonald, Mint St. New Orleans.
Treasury Office April 31st 1864.
Harris Mack
Jr.

Statement of Gold & Silver Coins received for Paying at
the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during April 1844.

Date	Half Eagles	Eagles	Amount
<i>Sold.</i>			
April 16	40		\$ 200 00
" 20	40		200 00
" 24	5		25 00
" 27		6	60 00
" 30	23	63	745 00
	108	69	\$ 1,230 00
<i>Silver.</i>	<i>Quarter Dollars</i>	<i>Half Dollars</i>	<i>Amount</i>
April 4		6	\$ 3 00
" 13	4	18	10 00
" 24	16	4	6 00
" 30	4	15	8 50
	24	43	\$ 27 50

Box No 3.

United States Branch Mint.
New Orleans, April 30, 1844.
J. M. P. Port Payor
H. C. Hammett
Jr.

To the Honorable the judges of the District
Court of the First Judicial District of
Louisiana.

The Petition of Pider Dant,
Joseph Lemon Trudeau, Louis Amable
Charbonnet, Pider Villars and Pider Enoul
Dugui Sivandais, his wife, Philippe Enoul
Dugui Sivandais, acting as tutor of the minor
Pider Enoul Dugui Sivandais, Joseph Enoul
Dugui Sivandais, wife of Paul Enoul Lajet
and authorized and assisted by her said husb-
and, Pider Lajet Enoul Dugui Sivandais,
widow of the late Francois Lajet, Jean Dant,
Michel Commenge acting as the promisor
actutor of his minor children, Thomas Enoul
Commenge, Josephine Marie Commenge,
Antoinette Antoinette Commenge and Pider
Blanche Commenge, Felicité Blanche Com,
represented by Pierre Vidal, Michel de Armas
Rosemond de Armas, Arthur de Armas,
the latter a minor and represented by his
tutor Vidal de Armas, Jean Camion
represented by Martin Durand, Marie
Dutillet, wife of Louis Ambrose Davidet and
authorized and assisted by her said husband
Jacques Philippe Dutillet represented by Edward
Lajet, Adolphe Dutillet represented by Philippe
Lacoste, Pider Dutillet, wife of Eugene Pider,
authorized and assisted by her said husband,
Pider Dutillet, wife of Charles Pider, authorized
and assisted by her said husband, Adolphe
Dutillet, wife of Barthelmy Montreuil, authorized
and assisted by her said husband, Pider Dutillet,
wife of Victor Camion and by him authorized
and assisted, Eugene Dutillet a minor
represented by M^{rs}. Roy, his mother and